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Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, 16 January 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
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4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Disability Council. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.
5. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Chair

1:15

6. ACTION ITEM: Run-Off Election for Co-Chair of the Council (10 Minutes)
7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Acting Director
8. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Committee Chairs

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9. ACTION ITEM: Resolution in opposition to San Francisco's implementation of AB 1421, mandated outpatient treatment. Council member discussion. (10 minutes)

[Comments from the public are welcome]

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: Traffic Circles and Traffic Calming Devices. Presentation by the Department of Parking and Traffic, followed by Council Discussion. (1 Hour)

[Comments from the public are welcome]

2:40

Break

2:50

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January 2004

MDC Programmatic Access Committee
Rose Resnick Lighthouse
214 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Friday, 9 January 2004
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400
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Friday, 16 January 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 421
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Tuesday, 20 January 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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MDC Physical Access Committee
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Minutes
16 January 2004

1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagan, Eugene T. Flannery, Elizabeth Grigsby, Michael Kwok, Jul Lynn Parsons and Denise Senhaux.

Excused Absent: Vincent Behan, August Longo and Ruth Nunez

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Acting Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Ed Evans, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda for the January 16, 2004 Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of December 19, 2003 were approved.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Villa-Lobos acknowledged Ed Evans, Chair, for his efforts to maintain and improve life for people without and with disabilities in the Tenderloin neighborhood.

- Marilyn Straka spoke about her walking tour business, "On the Level," which develops and provides accessible walking tours in S.F. The business website is www.onthelevelsf.com.

- Bruce Oka suggested that the Council ask the new Mayor to convert the Mayor's Disability Council into a full-fledged Commission, because it would give them a greater voice.

5 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Ed Evans reported there is not enough money coming from the State for health care and disability access. He encouraged people to contact Assembly Members Mark Leno and Leland Yee, as well as Senator John Burton on this matter. Mr. Evans also spoke against Senate Bill 69, which would severely limit the ability of disabled persons to file complaints against inaccessible businesses. Lastly, he encouraged persons who qualify for Medi-Cal to examine and maximize their options and benefits.

6 RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR CO-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

The run-off election between Jack Fagan and Michael Kwok ended with Michael Kwok receiving the majority of Council votes. There will be another election in March to replace Ed Evans, whose term of Co-Chair expires after the February meeting. Michael Kwok chaired the remainder of the meeting.

7 REPORT FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR

Susan Mizner reported on three items. First, the African American Arts Center, which is funded by the Arts Commission, and is located in a city-owned building, has an old elevator that keeps breaking down. The Center does not have a reliable way of getting people to the second and third floors. Ms. Mizner is hoping to assist in obtaining funding for the elevator upgrade. The new Director, London Breed, has initiated a number of outreach programs for people with disabilities and seniors.

Secondly, Ms. Mizner will be submitting preliminary budgets for next year for which the priority would continue to be funding for health care centers and public rights-of way. Finally, Ms. Mizner welcomed Department of Parking and Traffic to the council. She has been working with DPT's new Director, Gerald Norman on audible pedestrian signals and on locating the funding needed to test this new access feature.

8 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE

Jul Lynn Parsons, Chair of the Programmatic Access Committee (PAC) reported that the committee is currently working on a few items, including screen readers and website accessibility, and has been continuing its efforts to enable disabled-owned businesses to be covered by 12D of the City's Administrative Code. The next meeting of the PAC is on Friday, February 6, 2004 from 11:00AM-12:30PM at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind. The public is encouraged to attend.

REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ed Evans, Chair, reported that the committee continues to work on a variety of issues, especially policies on curb ramps and architectural access issues. Mr. Evans encouraged people from the community to attend the meetings and report on any accessibility issues in their neighborhoods. The next Physical Access Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2004 in Room 421 City Hall, from 1:30PM-3:30PM.

9 RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SAN FRANCISCO'S IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 1421, MANDATED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.

Bruce Oka and one other member of the community spoke in support of the resolution.

Council members commended Norma Block and her colleagues for putting the resolution together. The Council voted unanimously to support the Resolution (attached below).

10 TRAFFIC CIRCLES AND TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES. Presentation by the Department of Parking and Traffic.

Gerald Norman, Director of Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) provided an overview of the Department of Parking and Traffic, noting that the department is responsible for traffic signs, traffic signals, street painting, curb painting, traffic enforcement, traffic control and traffic engineering. DPT is currently working on several projects to improve pedestrian safety, including installing more count-down pedestrian traffic signals throughout the city and working with MOD on implementing audible pedestrian signals.

DPT is also working on providing many intersections on Van Ness Avenue with sidewalk "bulb-outs." He noted that the chief goal of traffic calming is to make the streets safer, to slow traffic and to increase pedestrian safety.

Nick Carr, Transportation Planner with DPT and the Project Manager for the Page Street Circles Program, presented a report on the traffic calming program and traffic circles.

The City developed the traffic-calming program several years ago. It consisted of a three-track system that includes arterial streets, commercial streets and local neighborhood streets. The program works on improving safety on these three different kinds of streets with an emphasis on mitigating the negative impacts of motor vehicle traffic.

The circles limit the conflict points (the places where vehicles run into each other), and reduce incidents of speeding in the surrounding neighborhood. The circles are designed for slowing traffic to 15 mile per hour. Traffic circles have been effective in other cities including Seattle and Portland.

Installing traffic circles instead of standard stop signs reduces vehicle emissions. Another benefit is that it places a visual obstacle on the driver's horizon or in the driver's visual field, which will cause a reduction in speed and increases the driver's caution and awareness.

Pedestrian safety is always an issue with the installation of traffic circles. There is no evidence that the installation of residential traffic circles increases the risk or incidence of pedestrian injury.

DPT went through a lengthy process to establish guidelines to develop the Traffic Calming Program in 1999 and 2000. A group representing a number of stakeholders, city departments and community advocates developed the guidelines. DPT consulted with MDC in 2001 regarding the issue of traffic calming devices.

The Page Street Program was developed to improve the bike route. This particular street area is the most heavily used bike route connecting the Richmond district (Golden Gate Park) and the Sunset district. The goal was to enable bicyclists to proceed legally through intersections. It promotes bicycle use on Page Street and also eliminates the need for vehicles to come to a complete stop thereby reducing pollution.

DPT has kept their website (www.livablestreets.org) continually updated on this project. It also conducted a survey mailed to approximately 2000 residences surrounding Page Street. They received 300 responses to that survey. It appears that the respondents were 58% in opposition when the circles were initially installed. However, after the proposed changes/recommendations, opposition went to 43%, with 44% in support.

Upgrades have included "yield sign" changes that delineate the path of travel around the circle; replacement of pedestrian crosswalk signs that were initially installed with fluorescent yellow green crosswalk signs; and state law signs which are pop-up signs indicating that traffic must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. DPT's goal is to continue to enhance and reinforce the pedestrian right-of-way at these circles.

The hotline number for Traffic Calming Program is (415) 554-2398 and they can be reached at e-mail at livable.streets@sfgov.org. Their website www.livablestreets.org includes Page Street updates and other information on the City's traffic calming program.

After Mr. Carr's presentation, some Council members inquired about the most common objections to the traffic circles, and sources of funding. Mr. Carr responded that the most

common objections concern pedestrian safety and degree of comfort. Residents with disabilities had expressed concerns that removing the stops signs made them feel uncomfortable and unsafe. The funding comes from a grant program from the Bay Area Quality Management District and is administered by the City's Transportation Authority.

Other council members brought forward issues, including concerns that stop signs are less expensive to maintain, that streets aren't wide enough for the circles, and that people who drink and drive may not able to slow down and/or stop in time at certain streets. Council members were concerned that streets like Page and Divisadero are inappropriate places for traffic circles, due to the high volume of traffic at the intersection.

Eugene Flannery shared his own research findings about traffic circles on Page Street. He spent three hours observing the traffic circle at Page and Divisadero. He also passed out the fliers to many of the residents in that neighborhood announcing the MDC meeting, and spoke to approximately fifty of them. Of all the people he spoke to, he reported that only one person, from Palo Alto, thought that it was a good idea. Based on his conversations with the residents and his observations, he believes that it is inappropriate for a traffic circle to be in that particular intersection due to the high volume of traffic, and the residential area.

Mr. Carr told the council members that he understands their significant concerns and reassured them that cars that approach these circles do so at a low speed, limiting the collision and injury risk. Circles have the effect of reducing mid-block speed. Also, larger streets have larger circles with rotaries, which are traffic flow devices. They are not the same as residential traffic circles. Residential traffic circles have been applied in the Bay Area and western cities with great success on these same size streets or smaller.

Mr. Carr also spoke about the issue of Emergency Vehicle Response. There is a 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 foot wide section of slightly raised concrete that discourages vehicle drivers from driving over it. It allows larger vehicles and emergency access vehicles access through traffic circle intersections. DPT also worked with the Fire Department on guideline development and testing measures. They conducted these tests with traffic circles in both February and September of last year. The Fire Department issued a negative recommendation on the use of traffic circles in San Francisco. Since their recommendation, Supervisor Matt Gonzalez requested that DPT and the Fire Department meet with him to discuss SFFD's concerns about traffic circles and to work on mitigating their concerns.

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people in wheelchairs, slow walkers such as seniors, and blind people, because there is a serious visibility problem. Mr. Chabner pointed out that he is not against all circles such as the one on Taraval because the circles are large and the visibility is good. He recommended that the circles need to be placed appropriately in larger areas, not by removing stop signs, and that the Mayor's Office on Disability, Mayor's Disability Council and the disability community need to be consulted in advance prior to installation.

A member of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee and the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Committee spoke in favor of traffic circles. He feels that the issue of pedestrian visibility needs to be reconsidered, and that one cannot blame DPT for one's lack of knowledge on how to approach a traffic circle. He expressed a need for more education, and increased law enforcement.

11 PARKING ON AND ACROSS SIDEWALKS.
Presentation by James Howard, Deputy Director for the Department of Parking and Traffic, followed by council/public discussion.

James Howard said that he has responsibility for the enforcement division and the adult school crossing guards. He said the parking on the sidewalks is a violation that is enforceable 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Since it is enforceable at all times, DPT has to prioritize its ability to enforce it.

From 5:30 a.m. through 9:00 a.m., the codes are enforced in response to complaints from the public in regard to blocked driveways or blocked sidewalks. From 9:30 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., enforcement is accomplished by parking enforcement officers on their beat. Then after 6:00 p.m., it goes back to the complaint system, which lasts until midnight. At that point, the police take over and the prioritization gets tighter because it is competing with the 911 calls. DPT and the police do their best to strike a reasonable balance and try to err on the side of caution where pedestrian safety is involved.

Several people from the community expressed their frustration regarding pedestrian safety and the lack of enforcement of parking violations. Elizabeth Shwiff, a landlord and a homeowner in the Marina district, feels that the Marina is a dangerous place to live and walk for people with disabilities, pedestrians, mothers with strollers, etc. She feels DPT and the police do not appear to cite vehicles, which are parked illegally. Ms. Shwiff pointed out that there is no coordination and no cooperation between the city's agencies to enforce the parking laws.

Community members Bruce Oka and Robert Planthold suggested deputizing civilians to enforce the parking law, which would allow private citizens to ticket vehicles which break the law by blocking sidewalks.

Mr. Evans suggested that citizen volunteers be authorized to go out in teams to photograph parking violations and submit their findings to DPT.

Mr. Howard expressed concerns about people who don't work in his department doing parking enforcement. The citations have to be adjudicated according to the law and it is not

possible to control people who DPT does not employ. However, he felt documenting violations through photos was an idea worth exploring.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

DC received two pieces of correspondences regarding traffic circles. Council members will be sent copies.

13 ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MDC.

None.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

No requests for future agenda items.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

No comments and announcements.

16 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Mayor's Disability Council
City and County of San Francisco
RESOLUTION OPPOSING AB 1421
Resolution #2004 - 01

WHEREAS, there is a severe shortage of available mental health services in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Disability Council received expert testimony citing studies affirming the effectiveness of appropriate and voluntary mental health services; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Disability Council received testimony from mental health consumers that they preferred voluntary services, as opposed to involuntary treatment; and,

WHEREAS, the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, in place since 1967, already provides for both involuntary inpatient *and* outpatient treatment; and,

WHEREAS, the requirement of AB1421 to provide housing is a major obstacle to implementation, and the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act allows people to remain in the community where they can maintain housing; and,

WHEREAS, a California Department of Mental Health study found that 55% of mental health consumers studied reported that fear of forced treatment caused them to avoid all treatment for psychological problems, because it undermines the development of a therapeutic relationship, and because they feared side effects of psychotropic medication; and,

WHEREAS, voluntary, community-based treatment has been proven effective and has yet to be adequately funded; and,

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Court exists to assist those people with mental health disabilities whose behavior brings them into the criminal justice system; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of implementing AB1421 would be extremely high, and would necessitate the increase of court-related personnel including law enforcement officers and certification hearing officers, and would require adequate resources for housing; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco's AB2034 program is effective in lessening the number of days its clients spend in jails and hospitals, reducing homelessness and increasing employment of its clients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor's Disability Council opposes the implementation of AB1421 by the City and County of San Francisco because it would be neither practical nor effective in dealing with the issues it purports to address; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor's Disability Council reaffirms its previous resolution (November 2001 - Resolution #2001-05) urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to increase City funding for voluntary programs and community-based services, rather than involuntary treatment.

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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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1:00 p.m.

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1:30

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Mayor's Disability Council
Minutes
19 March 2004

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1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagan, Eugene Flannery, Elizabeth Grigsby, Michael Kwok, Jul Lynn Parsons, Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil and Richard Ow.

Excused Absent: Ruth Nunez, Denise Senhaux

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Michael Kwok, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda for the March 21, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2004.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ruach Graffis, United Taxicab Workers, expressed concern about the Taxi Commission voting to reduce by half the number of their meetings that are televised. Ms. Graffis pointed out this would be a disservice to those people with disabilities who are unable to attend the meetings. She encouraged the Council members and community to write to the Taxi Commission to have this issue re-visited. Ms. Graffis also spoke about Supervisor Gerardo Sandoval's Proposition N. She urged the community's support to get the proposition defeated and have Supervisor Sandoval remove this from his agenda.

- Frank Markowitz, Pedestrian Program Manager with the Department of Parking & Traffic, informed the Council and community about the City's work regarding the installation of accessible audible pedestrian signals. He welcomed comments from the Council and the public regarding possible locations. The Transportation Authority Plans and Programs Committee will be hearing funding requests on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 11:00AM at City Hall.

  Richard Ow, Council Member, a Chinatown resident, suggested that an accessible pedestrian signal be placed on Broadway Street and Columbus Avenue.

- Lori Guidos, a San Francisco resident, spoke about problems she encountered seeking health services at her neighborhood Resource Center. Since the Commission on Aging was changed to the Department of Aging and Adult Services, their mandate is to serve younger adults with disabilities. However, when she asked for mental health services, she was given only a flier on services for Asian Americans. Ms. Guidos had concerns about the Center because it doesn't appear to provide services for non-Asian and non-senior members of the disability community. She seeks support from the Council members and community to contact the Mental Health Services Information and Referral number, 415-626-1033, operating 24 hours, to improve the contacts and services for the disability community.

5 ELECTION OF COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

Because newly elected Co-Chair Michael Kwok is leaving the Council to serve on the Taxi Commission, two Co-Chair positions are available. Nonetheless, the Council decided that there would only be one Co-Chair elected at this meeting. Two Council members, Jul Lynn Parsons and Jack Fagan, were nominated. A vote was taken and Jack Fagan was elected. An election for the second co-chair position will take place at the next meeting scheduled for Friday, April 16, 2004.

6 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Michael Kwok reported that this would be his last meeting. He has been appointed by the Mayor to serve as a Commissioner in the Taxi Commission. He has served on the

Mayor's Disability Council for five years and wanted to thank his fellow Council members and MOD staff for their support and assistance. Several Council members commended Mr. Kwok for his expertise, dedication and professionalism.

7 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Susan Mizner told the Council Members and the community that one of the Council members, Denise Senhaux, is still recovering from surgery, and that we all wished her a speedy recovery.

Ms. Mizner then had the three new Council members introduce themselves.

- Richard Ow said that he appreciated the Mayor's confidence in appointing him to the Council. He said that one of his goals is to work on ensuring that City materials are translated into a variety of languages.

- Tatiana Kostanian is looking forward to serving on the Council and thanked staff for the opportunity.

- Robert Neil, new Council member, is a Laguna Honda resident, has been a member of their resident's council for the past 11 years, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Multiple Sclerosis Society for 13 years. He spoke about his work with paratransit services.

Ms. Mizner explained that the three new members are replacing August Longo, Vincent Behan and Michael Kwok. She thanked all the former Council members for the wonderful job they have done while serving on the MDC.

Ms. Mizner briefly updated the Council on Transition Plan work, reporting that almost half of the $5.3 million needed has been allocated to bring community health clinics up to code.

Ms. Mizner reported the Department of Elections (DOE) is being sued along with three other counties and the Secretary of State for having inaccessible voting machines. MOD is currently working with DOE on this issue.

Lastly, MOD had a meeting with a number of the ADA Coordinators from the City's department to formalize their work and to provide them with an ADA Coordinator Tool Kit. Included in the Tool Kit are the Programmatic Access Bulletins that Ken Stein has put together. The bulletins are available on MOD's website at www.sfgov.org/mod.

8 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE

Jul Lynn Parsons, Chair of the Programmatic Access Committee reported that the committee is working on accessible website design. The committee is encouraging the Mayor's Office on Disability to implement a training for ADA Coordinators and Information Technology (IT) managers to ensure that the websites being used by the City County of San Francisco are fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

The committee continues its work to amend Section 12 D of the City's Administrative Code, to include businesses owned by persons with disabilities in the City's Bid Preference program. Their next public meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.

REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ed Evans, Chair, reported that the committee has been working with the departments of Building Inspection, Department of Parking and Traffic, Public Works, the Police Department and others to improve physical accessibility throughout the city. The next public meeting is Friday, April 30, 2004 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 421.

9 AUTISM AND ASPERGER'S SYNDROME. PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF AUTISM & ASPERGER'S SYNDROME COALITION FOR EDUCATION, NETWORKING & DEVELOPMENT (AASCEND).

Jack Fagan provided an introduction about Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. Both are neurological conditions that occur four times as often in males as in females. Autism has increased in California by 634% over the past 15 years. Approximately 56/10,000 people have Autism or Asperger's Syndrome.

Matthew Lichy spoke of his experience as a person living with Asperger's Syndrome. He lives on Treasure Island with support from the Golden Gate Regional Center. He is currently attending City College of San Francisco. When he was 21, he was diagnosed as having high functioning Autism, and later with Asperger's Syndrome. He explained the similarities and differences between Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. In Autism, communication difficulties such as repeating oneself or not speaking at all is very common. Being passive, withdrawn and failing to maintain eye contact, and fidgeting is also common.

Greg Yates, a member of the Board of Directors of AASCEND, spoke about his own personal and professional experiences as a person on the Autism Spectrum. He stated that the primary deficit in autism is a social deficit. He said that many homeless people on the streets fit in the spectrum of autism, but can be easily confused for someone who is a drug abuser and/or someone with a mental illness.

Ron Bixler is a San Francisco resident, a City College of SF instructor and a father of a son with autism. He spoke about the need to educate law enforcement working with people with autism and developmental disabilities to reduce misunderstanding and tragedies. He re-iterated that autism interferes with social interaction and communication skills.

Andrew Bixler, is 23 years old and has Autism. He also lives on Treasure Island, and spoke about Social Vocational Services, an agency which supports him to live independently. He is currently attending City College. He expressed the need for more social functions such as regularly scheduled evening dances in San Francisco for people with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Camilla Bixler, wife of Ron and mother of Andrew, also a City College Instructor, spoke also of the need for more social opportunities for young men with autism to socialize with young women. At a conference last year and one of the primary concerns was the lack of events to meet people for dates and relationships. People who have this disability are 80% male. She stated that in San Francisco there are no regularly sponsored social events for people with developmental disabilities. Her other concern was the living situation on Treasure Island. It has been a safe place for her son to become independent, but additional services such as transportation, a bank, etc. would be very helpful and increase their independence even more. She is seeking the Council's assistance and support in both of these matters.

Betty Anne Lipow, also a member of the Board of Directors of AASCEND, and a mother of a son with Asperger's Syndrome, spoke about the upcoming 4th Annual Conference on April 24, 2004. She urged the public to attend. For more information, please go to the website at www.aascend.net.

John Blaker, priest of the Diocese in Oakland, spoke of his own personal experiences as having Asperger's Syndrome. He finds the streets poorly marked, which causes him confusion. He also noted that encounters with police may be intimidating and may cause a panic reaction, which makes it difficult for him to speak, and that this may be perceived as non-compliance by a police officer.

Jane Warren, mother of an autistic son, spoke (via the Bridge Line) of the need to educate the police department when approaching a person with autism. A police officer can easily misunderstand a person with autism because he/she can be disoriented or intimidated by the officer. Therefore, she suggested the person with autism perhaps could carry an identification card to identify themselves to the police as being someone with autism. Overall, Ms. Warren felt the best solution was information and education for the police department to assist a person with autism.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

There was correspondence from Howard Chabner regarding Page Street Circle Traffics. Council members were given a copy of his correspondences in their packets.

11 ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MDC.

- Gary Gregerson, The Arc of San Francisco, pointed out several things his clients have experienced as pedestrians in San Francisco. These include the difficulty of knowing when it is safe to cross the street when you are on the "island" on Market

Street with the walk signal being so far away. Another concern was for people who can't read and take the underground municipal train – they don't know what station to get off. He suggested color-coding it. The last issue was that 11th and Mission Streets is an "unsafe intersection due to light changes and oncoming traffic" for people to cross.

- John Colter, The Arc of San Francisco, announced that there will be a People's First meeting on Friday, April 23, 2004 at 3:30PM at the Fox Plaza, 10th Floor.

- Jerry Grace, reminded the community that there will be a rally in Sacramento on Thursday, May 20, 2004 regarding proposed IHSS cuts. For more information, please call 1-800-390-2699 or 1-800-900-0706 TTY.

- Michael Payne reported via the Bridge Line that the Notices of Continuing Disability Review sent out by the Social Security Administration (SSA) had a wrong zip code for the SSA's address, resulting in a delay in Social Security receiving the notices on time. The correct zip code is 94103.

- Sergio Alunan, Director of Yolo County In-House Support Services (IHSS) Public Authority, informed the community that the Governor has proposed making more cuts, including decreasing the hourly wages for IHSS workers from $9.50 to $6.25. He is urging the community to write to our legislators.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Ed Evans suggested inviting several City Departments such as the Department of Building Inspection, Department of Public Works and the San Francisco Police Department to discuss issues on physical access, conditions of sidewalks and what appeared to be the lack of enforcement of skateboards, bicycles, scooters, etc. on the sidewalks.

Robert Neil commended Laguna Honda Hospital/Convalescent Center for their good work and cost-saving methods, and suggests this as another possible item for a future agenda.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ed Evans requested the meeting be adjourned in the memory of community disability activist Bruce Oka's mother, who passed away on March 2nd. Mr. Evans stated that Mrs. Oka was a strong influence in her son's life.

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, 16 April 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

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1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

2. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Agenda

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Disability Council. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

5. ACTION ITEM: Election of Council Co-Chairs

6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Chair

7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director, including update on the Self-Evaluation Summary.

8. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Committee Chairs

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1:45

9. INFORMATION: Community Leadership and Advocacy in Membership (CLAIM) Introduction to the program at the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC). (30 minutes)

2:15

10. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: San Francisco Department of Public Works (DPW) – Presentation by DPW staff of issues affecting disability access in the public right of way. (1 hour)

Note: The Council will take a 15-minute break at 3:15

11. DISCUSSION ITEM: Correspondence

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

13. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member requests for future agenda items.

14. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member comments and announcements.

15. ADJOURNMENT

[Estimated times are only guidelines]

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Upcoming Meetings: April and May 2004

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City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400
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Friday, 16 April 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MDC Executive Committee
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 421
San Francisco, CA 94102
Tuesday, 20 April 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MDC Programmatic Access Committee
Rose Resnick Lighthouse
214 Van Ness Avenue
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Friday, 07 May 2004
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagen, Eugene Flannery, Elizabeth Grigsby, Michael Kwok, Jul Lynn Parsons, Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil, Ruth Nunez, Richard Ow and Denise Senhaux (via Bridge Line).

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Jack Fagan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the April 16, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting of March 19, 2004.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jackee Bryson, expressed her frustrations in seeking accommodations from the Episcopal Sanctuary shelter. Initially, the shelter assigned her to a top bunk bed, but it was an unsatisfactory due to her arthritis. Ms. Bryson reported that she was given other alternatives, but all of the other beds were "outdated" and there seem to be a shortage of disabled/senior beds available.

  It was noted that Ms. Bryson has filed a compliant with MOD, and that MOD has been working with the Department of Human Services on resolving this issue.

5 ELECTION OF COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

Two council members, Jul Lynn Parsons and Robert Neil were nominated for the vacant co-chair position. A vote was taken and Jul Lynn Parson was elected. Ms. Parsons will be co-chairing the MDC with the current co-chair, Jack Fagan. She volunteered to step down from her position as Chair of the Programmatic Access Committee.

6 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Jack Fagan, Co-Chair, reported that he looks forward to co-chairing MDC Meetings with the new co-chair, Jul Lyn Parsons.

7 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Susan Mizner provided an update on traffic circles, an agenda item from a previous meeting. Following the outcome of an election of neighboring residents, the Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) is going to be restoring all of those intersections to their original four stop signs state. DPT welcomes input from the public regarding future issues.

It was also reported that Ken Stein presented the Housing Impediments Report recently at the Housing Rights and Resources Training sponsored by the State Independent Living Council; and that he also represented the Mayor's Office on Disability at a recent Information and Resource Conference for families of children with disabilities.

Ms. Mizner reported that Richard Skaff, Deputy Director, MOD, is currently on leave. Therefore, no one is available to staff the Physical Access Committee at the present time. MOD will give an update at the next MDC Meeting.

Lastly, Ms. Mizner provided a summary of the results of the City of San Francisco's Self-Evaluation. The Self-Evaluation reviews all City and County programs in relation to their compliance with the programmatic and communication access requirements of the ADA. The self-evaluation included a two-stage process, of public hearings and an extensive survey of over 400 City and County programs.

Some of the major findings from the report were that less than 50% of program managers reported that they allow modifications of their program policies, practices and procedures, which is a fundamental ADA requirement. Almost half the programs reported that they have no means of communicating by phone with people who have hearing or speech difficulties; that is, they neither have a TTY or know how to access or use the California Relay Services. Only 21% of the respondents reported that they notify the public of their right to request modifications of policies, practices or procedures to accommodate a disability; only 35% notified the public of their right to request alternative formats and auxiliary aids and services. More than 50% of the respondents did not have an ADA Grievance Procedure. Only 19% of the programs that contract out their services train the contract monitors on how to recognize programmatic and communications access barriers.

The good news is that there was an 85% response rated to the survey. Also, San Francisco employees demonstrated a tremendous amount of readiness and interest in improving the situation, and in being trained on disability rights issues. The report recommends developing and distributing ADA rights notices, training and support of ADA Coordinators in all departments, with additional training targeted to all CCSF employees who have contact with the public; and that disability access criteria be included in the contracting and purchasing processes.

The Mayor's Office on Disability is currently working on all of these major recommendations, and is looking forward to the Council's assistance in implementing the recommendations.

8 REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE

Jul Lynn Parsons, Chair of the Programmatic Access Committee reported that the committee continues to work on incorporating businesses with disabilities under the umbrella of Section 12 D of the City's Administrative Code. In addition, Frank Markowitz, DPT, gave a presentation on the Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) Pilot Project. For more information, contact Mr. Markowitz at (415) 252-4696.

Their next PAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.

REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE

Ed Evans, Chair, reported that the committee has not been meeting due to staffing problems. However, he suggested that the Physical Access Committee which work with the Department of Building Inspection and Department of Public Works on physical access issues.

9 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY IN MEMBERSHIP (CLAIM): Introduction to the program at the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC).

Elissa Berrol, CLAIM's Program Manager, provided an introduction to their pilot program, and invited members of the community to sign on as either mentors or mentees. CLAIM is a 10-month leadership mentoring program for persons with disabilities. The goal is to build up the leadership and advocacy skills of persons with disabilities. There are four components to the program, which consists of mentoring, workshops, identifying issues in the community, and community networking. Ms. Berrol noted that Susan Mizner and Ken Stein of MOD had each provided trainings to the CLAIM program in the previous year.

Several members of the CLAIM program spoke about their experiences with the program. Patricia Webb, Emerging Leader, spoke about how the program has enhanced her skills and helped her to gain new skills in leadership and advocacy. Scott Clark, Mentor, spoke about how the program has helped him to stay focused and to share his abilities with others. Raymond Vega, Emerging Leader, a Latino in San Francisco, learned that there are a lot of people with disabilities in the Latino community. The CLAIM program has worked to target the bilingual community as well, but has run into funding constraints.

CLAIM is currently accepting applications for emerging leaders and mentors. Applications are due by June 8, 2004. For more information, please contact Elissa Berrol at (415) 543-6222 x128 or elissa@ilrcsf.org (e-mail).

10 SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW): Presentation by DPW Staff on issues affecting disability access in the public rights-of-way.

Kevin Jensen, ADA Coordinator for DPW, provided an overview of what his department provides and what his job entails. Mr. Jensen works with other departments on matters including right-of-way, constructing curb ramps, and street resurfacing, as well as working with MOD to ensure that ADA compliance policies are implemented by DPW. His office handles ADA complaints, investigates them, and refers them to the appropriate personnel for investigation and follow-up, and provides additional assistance as needed. He welcomes input from the disability community. Mr. Jensen and his staff are currently working with Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) and MUNI on sidewalk signage, to clarify pedestrian crosswalk issues. His office tracks and takes requests for accommodations, including curb ramp requests, which currently number aobut 450. As is the case with other departments, there are significant financial constraints on what they can accomplish.

This year his office will be updating the Curb Ramp Transition Plan. The first priority is to address those locations where citizens with disabilities have specifically requested and need curb ramps. He noted the ADA-mandated priorities of proximity to Title II entities, transportation, areas of employment, public accommodations and lastly other areas, residential areas, are the last priority under the ADA. He also noted that because San Francisco took the lead in installing curb ramps prior to the passage of the ADA, there are a lot of existing ramps that don't meet current standards. The total projected cost of the entire curb ramp project is $210 million dollars. The current annual funding for curb ramps this year is $2.5 million, about

$2 million of which is from the Federal Highway Administration. He noted that locations where there are particular safety concerns are given a high priority.

Mr. Jensen also addressed questions raised by Council members regarding lack of access where there is temporary construction, sidewalk disrepair, Union square, food stand / merchandise blocking sidewalks,

Robert Beck, Deputy Director of Engineering, DPW, spoke about his responsibilities to help ensure that contracts and building projects are compliant with the ADA, as well as to help develop policy and legislation for the department. In addition to recent work on slip resistant sidewalk legislation recently passed by the Board of Supervisor, his office is also working on a variety of issues, including sub-sidewalk elevator covers, and enforcement of sandwich boards / A-Frame advertisements in front of businesses. He has also been working with the Department of Parking and Traffic on the size and location of traffic signal controllers. He is particularly interested in working collaboratively with DPT, DPW and City Planning to focus on streetscapes and the creation of better neighborhoods; as well as on plan designs for the City's vision for rights of way. Mr. Beck expressed his hope that with the new administration, there would be more opportunities to work collaboratively with DPT and other City planning offices on designing safer accessible rights-of-way for all pedestrians, including people with disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING DPW PRESENTATION

Gary Gregerson, spoke of the difficulty of seeing the traffic signals from the bus on the "island" in the middle of Market Street. He also expressed concern about dangers on the busy intersection of 11th and Mission Streets.

Chris Duderstadt, private citizen and the Alliance with Golden Gate Park, spoke about a construction project being done at Golden Gate Park. The company has provided alternative routing for pedestrians. Mr. Duderstadt was himself struck by a car because the alternative route makes it difficult for pedestrians and vehicles to see each other. The current pedestrian path of travel results in a 1.2-mile detour. It was noted that MOD has been following through on several complaints regarding pedestrian access at Golden Gate Park. Mr. Jensen noted that on Monday, April 19th, he and others would be doing a site visit to assess the situation.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

None

12 ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MDC.

- Joseph Partansky, private citizen of Concord, spoke about two different bills being brought to the legislators for passing. The first one, SB 1760 authored by Senator Perata, which says that the State of California consents to be sued in state or federal court by any person seeking to enforce rights under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. (SB 1760 addresses the issue of State Sovereign Immunity for purposes of enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act). The second bill is SB 2594 authored by Tim Leslie, which would allow for a 65-day window for businesses to

hire an ADA access specialist in aiding them to become compliant with the ADA. Lastly, he spoke about a case called "Creason vs. City of Concord."

- John Coulter, announced that there would be a People First of San Francisco meeting on Friday, April 23, 2004 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 1390 Market Street (Fox Plaza) in Suite 1018, 10th Floor. For more information, please call (510) 286-0439.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Ed Evans suggested the topic of cleanliness of the sidewalks due to lack of public restrooms. This causes an inconvenience for people in wheelchairs. He would like more police enforcement on this particular issue. Elizabeth Grisgby felt that the solution doesn't lie with the police, but with providing more safe and clean toilet facilities for the public. Also, Mr. Evans suggested inviting the police department to discuss issues relating to how bicycles and other non-mobility related vehicles on the sidewalk are hazardous to seniors and the disability community.

Ruth Nunez suggested homeless shelters and the disabled homeless community as possible future agenda items.

Tatiana Kostanian spoke about her interest in participating in the San Francisco Bay to Bay Breaker this year scheduled for Sunday, May 16, 2004. She was requesting help from the City offices and the public to assist her in organizing a team to represent the disability community. If interested, please call Ms. Kostanian at (415) 665-1178.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Jack Fagan announced the Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Coalition for Networking and Development (AASCEND) is holding their annual conference on Saturday, April 24, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at The Arc of San Francisco located at 1500 Howard Street. For more information, one can e-mail them at info@aascend.net or call (415) 248-1670.

15 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, May 21, 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

2. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Agenda

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Disability Council. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

5. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Co-Chairs - Local Impacts of State Budget on People with Disabilities.

6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director - Update on MOD budget for FY 04-05, and update on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consultant work.

7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Programmatic Access Committee Chair.

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1:30

8. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Addressing the needs of People with Disabilities in the City's Ten Year Plan to end Homelessness. Guest Speaker Angela Alioto, Chair, Ten Year Planning Task Force. Additional speakers from City and community agencies, including the Department of Human Services, the Homeless Advocacy Project, and Shelter Providers. (1 1/2 Hours)

3:00 **BREAK**

3:15

9. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority, update on Citizens Advisory Committee, construction status and accessibility. Presentation by Mike Ellzey, Executive Director. (1 hour)

10. DISCUSSION ITEM: Correspondence

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MDC Executive Committee
City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102
Tuesday, 25 May 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MDC Programmatic Access Committee
Rose Resnick Lighthouse
214 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Friday, 4 June 2004
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagen, Elizabeth Grigsby, Michael Kwok, Jul Lynn Parsons, Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil, Ruth Nunez, Richard Ow and Denise Senhaux (via Bridge Line).

Excused Absent: Eugene T. Flannery

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Jul Lynn Parsons, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the May 21, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting of April 16, 2004.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mrs. Olsen asked the council members for assistance in locating wheelchair accessible housing for her family which includes her husband (a veteran), who uses a wheelchair, and their five children.

  Richard Ow suggested Mrs. Olsen to go to the Mayor's Office in Room 200 at City Hall for resources on veteran affairs and the Veterans Office located at the Veteran's War Memorial Building located at 401 Van Ness Avenue for additional assistance.

- Rauch Graffis spoke about two items. The first item was her efforts to get City Hall to buy electric scooters for people with limited mobility. Her second item was her concern that the Taxicab Commission is merging with the Metropolitan Transit Authority, so there will be no more televised Commission hearings. She stated that two-thirds of people with disabilities use taxicabs and many watch these hearings. Therefore, she asked the council members and the public to write letters to the Mayor regarding this matter.

  Ed Evans responded to Ms. Graffis's need for electric scooter. He cited the lack of funding due to City's budget cuts and liability issues. However, City Hall does provide free manual wheelchairs for visits to City Hall.

  Susan Mizner added that the Mayor's Office on Disability has received this formal request and her staff have been following up on this and will provide an update in the near future.

- Peggy Liao, In-Home Support Services Public Authority, announced there will be a workshop to follow-up on the Laguna Honda Settlement. It will take place on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Main Library (100 Larkin Street) in the Latino Hispanic Community Room. For more information, call Ms. Liao at (415) 243-4477, Ext. 307.

- Jeanne Lynch, a member of the Muni Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC), spoke about her recent foot injury on Muni. She stated that the driver did not pull up to the curb or lower the steps for her to get on the bus. Ms. Lynch felt there are drivers who are rude, insensitive and negligent giving the good drivers a bad name. She expressed the need for the community to speak up as well.

- Michael Leo, Program Officer from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) provided an introduction to DCYF. Their work is done through contracted agencies and non-profit organizations. They serve all children, including those with special needs. The department works closely with agencies like Jewish Vocational Services, the Marriott Foundation, the Hearing Society for the Bay Area, etc., to assist them in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. In addition, they have set aside $300,000.00 in their budget for after school programs, health and education programs and recreation programs to make them accessible to children with special needs. For more information about the department, their website is www.dycf.org.

5 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Jack Fagan reported that he participated in a rally, with many other people with disabilities, in Sacramento at the state capital to protest cuts in funding for disability services, including In-Home Support Services. It was well attended. The largest contingent came from San Francisco with a total of nine full buses organized by the Independent Living Resource Center. Mr. Fagan also provided an update and follow-up on the March's MDC meeting regarding Autism & Asperger's Syndrome and a related conference on Autism co-sponsored by the Mayor's Office on Disability. Both events went well and received positive feedback.

Jul Lynn Parsons reported on the need to write to legislators about how the proposed State cuts would affect the disability community locally.

6 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Mizner reported that the Supreme Court decision in Tennessee vs. Lane was a victory for the disability community. It involved a man who had to crawl up the steps to the courthouse in order to make his court hearing, and sued Tennessee. The State responded that they couldn't be sued under the ADA. The Supreme Court voted 5-4 in favor of the plaintiff.

Ms. Mizner also reported on how the City's budget deficit affects the funding of MOD. There have been major cuts in the Capital Fund, which funds the ADA Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation. However, the Mayor's Budget Office has found some additional funding for Transition Plan work through federal dollars. MOD's operating budget will remain the same. Lastly, the contract with DCARA for deaf and hard of hearing services is going well.

7 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ms. Parsons reported that approximately 700-800 surveys of Business Owners with Disabilities have been sent out by the Mayor's Office on Disability. They received a handful in return and are expecting more to come in next month. The committee continues to work on the City's website accessibility. Their next PAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.

8 ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CITY'S TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS.

Guest Speaker Angela Alioto, Chair, Ten Year Planning Task Force. Additional speakers from City and community agencies, including the Department of Human Services, the Homeless Advocacy Project and Shelter Providers.

- Cindy Ward, Homeless Family Program Manager, spoke on accessibility and reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities in the family shelters. The shelters that serve families range from 1 day to 6 months stay. All of the facilities are accessible to clients who use wheelchairs. There is TTY capacity and those who don't have TTYs, are currently in the process of getting one. Staff assists in reading materials to clients who

may have visual impairments. Families are prioritized for shelter placement and medical hotel rooms for mental or medical issues.

- Laura Gerard, Adult Shelter Manager, spoke about shelters for single adults. The majority of these shelters are accessible to clients with wheelchairs. The communication access is similar to the family shelters. In addition, staff can contact the civil rights office for sign language interpretation. Also, all shelters provide Notice of Client's Rights to Reasonable Accommodation forms and the Reasonable Accommodation Request form to anyone who needs it. There is a policy in the shelters to provide clients with disabilities access to single or lower bunk beds. All shelters can accommodate visiting nurses and health aides on site.

- Angela Alioto spoke on the City's ten-year plan to end homelessness. The task force consists of 33 members from a diverse community, including doctors and lawyers throughout the city and county of San Francisco. Their main goal is to "end" and not "manage" chronic homelessness. There are approximately 8,000 to 15,000 homeless people, however, the plan is to concentrate on approximately the 3,000 chronic homeless people. Studies indicate these 10% used 62% of the resources that are available to homeless people. The task force believes if one focuses on those 3,000 people, it will affect the entire 15,000. This will take prevention and intervention. Therefore, the task force is having a public hearing to encourage ideas and recommendations from the community. The hearing will be next week for two days – Wednesday, May 26th and Thursday, May 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Chamber (Room 250) at City Hall. After the hearings, the task force will compile the information and present it in final form by June 25th. Ms. Alioto realizes there is a high percentage of people with disabilities who are homeless, and will be addressing this in the plan.

- Allison Lum, Coalition on Homelessness, stated that there is a lack of reasonable accommodation and programmatic access. She has seen that some shelters don't have the reasonable accommodation forms available to their clients and clients with disabilities are repeatedly placed on top bunks. Ms. Lum felt there is a need to do more outreach to the homeless for their input in the "ten year plan."

- Angelique Gonzales, Coalition on Homelessness, spoke about a need for a change in the shelter system because she felt that it should be accessible to everyone. She spoke about one of her clients, a senior citizen, who was using one of the shelters. His mobility is limited and he was assigned to a top bunk. He asked for a reasonable accommodation form to fill out and was told by staff it does not exist. While coming down from the top bunk, he fell which resulted in a sprained wrist.

- Jackie Jenks, Executive Director, Central City Hospitality House, provided a summary of the services the House provides, including shelter programs, Tenderloin Self-Help Center, drop-in support services, mental health services, employment services, etc. Ms. Jenks reported that Hospitality House is the smallest shelter, which allows for a low staff-to-resident ratio and is less intimidating than larger shelters. Their clientele consists of numerous people with mental health issues coming off the streets. The house does extensive outreach. However, they face many challenges. The house is not wheelchair accessible. It is in an old building and they are on a 5-year lease. Ms. Jenks said that

receiving funding for the elevator is difficult because funders will not pay for something that is not owned by the requestor.

Another challenge the house faces is the availability of beds because of their small size. Ms. Jenks knows that when a lower bunk is unavailable, a mat is provided for a client to sleep on the floor until a lower bunk bed becomes available. Currently, the system required bed placements to be done off-site at a resource center. Ms. Jenks feels this can be problematic because many times, the resource center does not make appropriate placements to lower bunks.

- Patricia Harrison, Site Manager for Community Services, Episcopal Sanctuary, stated that the shelter does not have the authorization to assign beds. She reiterated that placement is done off-site at a resource center. Therefore, the Sanctuary does not have control over bed assignments. However, she stated that their shelter program works very well and that 521 people have been placed in permanent housing. In addition, there is an after-care program that monitors clients' progress after they been placed permanently in homes.

- Andrea Salinas, Coalition on Homelessness, feels that there is a lack of quality services provided to people with disabilities. She expressed that some of the rules, policies and requirements of the shelter should be more flexible and should provide extra support for people with disabilities.

- Mary Kate Connor, Executive Director of Outreach Services, spoke about her concern that there doesn't appear to be any discussion of "resources". She said that supportive housing, while important, could not replace actual treatment for people with psychiatric disabilities. She stated that funding for psychiatric treatment has been repeatedly cut, and that this is a crucial component of any plan.

- Diana Valentine, Coalition of Homelessness, felt that there are three areas that need to be addressed regarding homelessness - individual access, continued under-funding and unwise structural decisions that prevent continued stability. Ms. Valentine provided examples of people who de-compensated due to cuts in services. She stressed the need for changes to be based on client's needs, client's input and staff observation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING HOMELESSNESS PRESENTATION

- Andre Rucker expressed a number of concerns, including the fact that people with disabilities have difficulty getting to the shelter and back; disabled and seniors being "pushed out" of shelters due to Proposition N; and disagreement with Ms. Alioto's comment that homelessness can deteriorate one's brain after three months. He has been homeless more than three months and he personally resented the remark.

- Ronald Edwards, a 63 years old homeless individual, feels that he is not homeless because of substance abuse or a mental illness. He is homeless because he cannot afford the rent in San Francisco. Mr. Edwards also express his frustrations on being told to go from one shelter to the next and the staff's lack of awareness of the Reasonable

Accommodation forms that are supposedly available in all shelters. He also stated that he injured his arm while trying to come down from a top bunk because there was no ladder.

- Jackee Bryson expressed her frustrations with the Episcopal Sanctuary. They continuously assigned her to a top bunk despite her foot condition. Staff had difficulty locating a Reasonable Accommodation form when she requested one. She is encouraging the council members to make a site visit to this facility.

9 GOLDEN GATE PARK CONCOURSE AUTHORITY - UPDATE ON CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CONSTRUCTION STATUS AND ACCESSIBILITY.
Presentation by Executive Director

The Executive Director, Mr. Ellzey, could not attend. Therefore, Douglas Nelson, one of the landscape architect for the Golden Gate Park Concourse provided an update on the construction status. Currently, his staff is focusing on four areas of Golden Gate Park: the De Young Museum, Underground Parking Garage, Concourse Bowl and the Academy of Sciences. There are about 34 acres that will be rebuilt to provide improvements for pedestrian's crosswalks, accessible pathways, new crosswalks with ladder stripping for proper curb ramps, etc. In addition, there will be new accessibility pathways to the two tunnels on the south side of the concourse, 137 new benches added, new path connections to JFK Drive and MLK Drive, and new accessible paths to museums.

Marilyn Duffey, transportation consultant to the Concourse Authority, spoke about the accessibility issues while the construction is taking place. The construction site is closed until the fall of 2005. Therefore, Ms. Duffey provided information on detour pathways. Her staff is also putting out all the necessary signs for accessibility. In addition, there is a free accessible visitor shuttle service operating on Saturday every fifteen minutes. The Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, opened to the public, will meet on Tuesday, May 25 at 5:30PM at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. For information, call the hotline number at (415) 831-2728.

Ms. Mizner noted that she had spoken to Mr. Ellzey prior to the meeting. He would like to issue an invitation to the council members and the disability community for anyone who would like to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee to represent the disability community. For those who are interested, please contact Mike Ellzey (or Julia Kay) at (415)831-2704 or mike.ellzey@sfgov.org.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

11 ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MDC.

None

12 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Evans requested the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) as a future agenda item to discuss pedestrian safety specifically to people with disabilities.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Norma Block announced there is a Mental Health Fair on Monday, May 24, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library located on 100 Larkin Street.

Ed Evans made three announcements:

1) The Port of San Francisco is looking for volunteers to attend and monitor the effectiveness of requests for assistive listening devices. For more information, contact Christine Seymour, Client Advocate for DCARA, at (408)260-1993 (voice) or (408)260-1871 (TTY) or Christine.Seymour@dcara.org.

2) The Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee will be meeting on Monday, May 24, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 408 at City Hall to discuss issues related to the disability community.

3) "Bridging the Gap" is a march across the Golden Gate Bridge on Saturday, June 19, 2004 to call attention to the healthcare crisis and affordable healthcare. The kick-off begins at 7:00 a.m. For more information, contact Naomi Griffin, Executive Director, World Institute on Disability (WID) at (510) 251-4361 (voice), naomi@wid.org.

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6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director - Update on Accessible Public Events Policy.

7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Programmatic Access Committee Chair – Website Access.

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1:30

8. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEM: Update on impact of proposed State and Local Budgets on Persons with Disabilities. Presentations by Mayor's Budget Office, the California Disability Community Action Network, Planning for Elders in the Central City, and the People's Budget. (1 Hour)

2:30 **BREAK**

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9. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEM: "Living With Dignity in San Francisco: A Strategic Plan to make improvements in the system of community-based long term care and supportive services for older adults and adults with disabilities (2004 - 2008)." Presentation by ILRC and members of the Living with Dignity Policy Committee. (45 minutes).

3:30

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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, 22 June 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Mayor's Disability Council
Draft Minutes
18 June 2004

1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagen, Eugene T. Flannery, Elizabeth Grigsby, Michael Kwok, Jul Lynn Parsons, Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil, Ruth Nunez and Richard Ow

Excused Absent: Denise Senhaux

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Jack Fagan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the June 18, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting of May 21, 2004.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rick Spittler, Executive Director, Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP), provided an overview of the BORP program. BORP's main objective is to provide sports and recreation programs for people with disabilities of all ages. Their office is in Berkeley, but their programs serve the greater bay area; half of the programs consist of competitive sports such as wheelchair basketball, and the other half consists of outings, from trips to local parks to river rafting expeditions. Mr. Spittler wanted to encourage the San Francisco disability community to participate as individuals and/or to volunteer in leadership positions. For more information, see their website at www.borp.org or phone (510) 849-4663.

- Toby Dixon announced there would be a march across Golden Gate Bridge for universal healthcare on Saturday, June 19th.

5 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Jul Lynn Parsons presented a report of recommendations to the Mayor's Homeless Ten-Year Planning Council Meeting on May 27th. The recommendations report was compiled by the Director of Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) after the Mayor's Disability Council meeting on the topic. Ms. Parson also spoke about the meeting with the Department of Human Services and MOD on disability access to homeless shelters. There will be another meeting to continue discussion on this matter in the near future.

Mr. Fagan thanked two Council Members, Elizabeth Grigsby, for agreeing to serve as the MDC representative for the Voters Access Advisory Committee; and Ruth Nunez, who has agreed to be the MDC representative to the Disability Policy Group.

6 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Accessible Public Meetings - Ms. Mizner reported that a number of city-sponsored community meetings had been scheduled in locations that were not fully accessible. MOD has updated its accessibility checklist for city-sponsored public meetings, and it is available on the MOD web-site, under policies. See: http://www.sfgov.org/site/sfmod_index.asp?id=7539.

ADA Coordinators' Meeting – MOD met with ADA Coordinators from across the City to discuss draft policies developed by the deaf and hard of hearing consultants, and to review the accessible public meetings checklist.

Physical Access Committee – Ms. Mizner announced that the Physical Access Committee will begin meeting again in July, and focus on architectural access policies.

Ms. Mizner thanked Tatiana Kostanian on behalf of the entire MOD staff, for volunteering her time to assist in the MOD office. In addition, Ms. Mizner expressed her thanks to the entire Council for how "active, responsible and responsive" they have been to the issues brought before them.

7 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ms. Parsons reported that the Programmatic Access Committee (PAC) continues to work on City website accessibility issues. Their next PAC meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 2nd.

8 UPDATE ON IMPACT OF PROPOSED STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Presentations by Mayor's Budget Office, The California Disability Community Action Network, Planning for Elders in the Central City, and the People's Budget.

Marty Omoto of The California Disability Community Action Network spoke on both a personal and professional basis, on the reasons for being an advocate for people with disabilities, especially when it comes to budget cuts. On a personal level, he does this for his sister, Elana, who had development disabilities and passed away a year ago. On a professional level, he stated that the proposed budget cuts affect everyone, whether or not they have a disability. Mr. Omoto provided an update on the budget cuts since the initial proposal. The Governor has decided not to eliminate the Residual Program, which enables parents or spouses of people with disabilities to be their paid in-home service provider.

Other proposed state cuts involve reduced wages and benefits for In-Home Support Services. Although the Senate rejected many of the governor's proposed cuts, the House approved some of his proposals such as a "share of cost for services," which means that a family with a child with development disabilities would be required to pay for a portion of their services. This would be very difficult for a family with an income of $36,000 a year. Therefore, they are raising the threshold to $50,000 a year. There was a cut originally of $100 million that was reduced down to $7 million. For more information on Mr. Omoto's organization, or to be added to his e-mail list, the website is www.cdcan.org.

Noelle Simmons of the Mayor's Budget's Office provided an overview of the Mayor's proposed budget. There is a $5 billion citywide budget with more than $300 million as a projected shortfall. Due to the shortfall, the Budget Office has worked closely with all of the departments to find ways to reduce their current year's spending, such as reducing the use of cell phones, reducing capital and equipment purchases, etc. Also, City employees have agreed to contribute 7.5% of their own retirement, which had been picked up by the City in previous years. This began last year and will continue this year as well.

Then Ms. Simmons spoke about budget impacts on City departments that will affect the disability community. The Department of Public Health is reducing its reliance on the General Fund by $32 million, but there will be no direct cuts to their disability services. Also, the Department of Aging and Adult services will continue to receive funding for their two main contracts, with the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind, and the Veterans Equity Center.

Erin McGrath, Disabled Services Deputy with the Mayor's Office, spoke about the proposed cuts to the Department of Public Health (DPH). She said that the cuts were "not directly associated with one disabled population." Ms. McGrath stated there would be over 250 layoffs causing some expected changes in services delivery. However, she wanted to reassure the

public that despite these cuts, they are still trying to maintain the service delivery system as much as possible on a citywide basis.

Kate Toran, Paratransit Coordinator with MUNI, received a request from Ms. Kostanian on assessing 25th Avenue and Irving for accessible MUNI transport. Ms. Toran provided the name, Paul Fichera - Accessibility Coordinator, as the contact person. His number is 923-6142. However, she told Ms.Kostanian that she will follow-up on her request.

Marie Jobling of Planning for the Elders in Central City, spoke about how the proposed budget cuts will affect seniors and people with disabilities. She focused specifically on the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) in two main areas – their funding and the proposed re-organization, merging DAAS with the Department of Human Services. The funding for some of these services (included housing, meals, and case management) has been restored. However, there is a substantial cut of $1 million, which include reduced and unfilled staffing positions. Ms. Jobling stated the merge might not be practical because there was no advance planning on how these two department can function together. For more information, the website is www.planningforelders.org, phone (415)703-0188.

Jennifer Friedenbach, representing the People's Budget, explained that the People's Budget consists of different organizations that serve the poor community. Every year, after reviewing the Mayor's Proposed Budget, they produce a document to find ways to re-direct funds to the poor and other vulnerable populations, including people with physical and/or mental disabilities. Ms. Friedenbach disagreed with the Mayor's Budget Office, saying that there indeed are direct cuts to people with disabilities. For example, seniors are losing support services, programs for people with mental illness have been cut, homeless people are losing assistance in getting their disability benefits, and people with AIDS are losing their practical and support services. Therefore, the People's Budget offers other suggestions on "cutting the fat" such as eliminating free parking for city officials, decreasing staffing in the Mayor's Office, and putting a cap on City salaries at $90,000.00. For more information on their report, contact Ms. Friedenbach at samh@sfhomeless-coalition.org

9 "LIVING WITH DIGNITY IN SAN FRANCISCO: A STRATEGIC PLAN TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY-BASED LONG TERM CARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (2004-2008)." – Presentation by Independent Living Resource Center, and the Living with Dignity Policy Committee

Herb Levine, Independent Living Resource Center, provided an introduction to the Strategic Plan. The plan was compiled by the disability community for over two years. Mr. Levine stated that it is their vision that it "will make possible a real choice for people with disabilities to live in the community; real because there would be real options." The plan is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Grant, which provided the funding for planning, as well as funding for implementation.

Bill Haskell and Nancy Giunta, both from the Department of Aging and Adult Services, reiterated that the Strategic Plan focuses on the current and growing number of people with disabilities who need support and care to remain living independently and in the community. 1 in 5 people with disabilities are between the ages of 18 and 64, with over 150,000 people, the majority of which are over 65. Mr. Haskell stated that not all of these people are going to require long-term care, but some of them will require supportive services to live independently in the community. Therefore, they are working to expand the capacity of home and community-based services, in order to prepare for the increasing needs of aging adults and adults with disabilities.

Ms. Giunta said that a needs assessment was done on long term care, which indicated that there was a significant lack of parity for disability services. Therefore, the plan's goals include establishing better coordination of services, increasing access to services, improving service quality, securing financial and political resources, and expanding system capacity.

Ms. Guinta spoke about the different implementation workgroups which are being operated under the Living with Dignity Policy Committee. These include workgroups on hospital discharge planning, community placement, and mental health access. Other workgroups, being overseen by the San Francisco Partnership for Community-Based Long-Term Care, include case management collaboration, in-home support services workforce improvement, neighborhood partnerships implementation, and public relations and marking implementation. For more information about the strategic plan, contact Nancy Giunta at (415) 355-3555, Nancy.Giunta@sfgov.org.

Luis Calderon of the IHSS Public Authority, provided an overview of specific issues in the Strategic Plan relating to adults with disabilities. He emphasized the importance of shared information among city departments, service providers, consumers, caregivers and the disability community. He felt this would expand the information and referral systems. Mr. Calderon pointed out that it is important to include services for people with disabilities under 60 as well in the plan. Also, he stated that it is important to have a Commission on Adult Services because the Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) has only one commission that serves the aging only, and none for Adult Services. Lastly, he requested that the council and community support, assist with outreach, and become actively involved in implementing this plan.

Ken Stein, who has been involved in the process of developing the Strategic Plan, and has represented MOD on the Living with Dignity Policy Committee for the past few years, pointed out that the Strategic Plan includes very specific deliverables and timelines for each of them. He noted that MOD has particular responsibility for taking the lead in about a dozen of these and has shared responsibility for 30 or 40 more. He noted that Nancy Giunta had created a document entitled "Lack of Parity for Disability Services" which details the issues that involve MOD in lead and shared responsibility in the plan.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

None

11 ITEMS NOT ON TODAY'S AGENDA, BUT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MDC.

None

12 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. Flannery suggested substance abuse disorders and suicide attempts among teenagers with disabilities as a possible future agenda item. Mr. Evans requested the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) as a future item as well.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. Fagan announced that the monthly meeting for AASCEND (Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Coalition for Education Network and Development) will be on Saturday, June 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon at 1500 Howard Street @ 11th Street. The SFPD's ADA Coordinator will attend this meeting to discuss training for the police force working with adults with or children who has Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

Lastly, Ms. Parsons announced at KPFA 94.1 FM (Radio Station) on Sunday, June 20th, the radio show will salute Father' Day by highlighting the perspective of a visually impaired father raising his son.

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, July 16, 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

2. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Agenda

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Disability Council. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

5. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Co-Chairs – Updates on topics from recent MDC meetings, notice of topics for consideration in upcoming meetings.

6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director – MDC meeting schedule, Publication of full ADA Self-Evaluation, ADA Anniversary Event.

7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Programmatic Access Committee Chair – Website Access.

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8. ACTION ITEM: Council Endorsement of MDC Report and Recommendations on Disability Issues to 10 Year Planning Council on Chronic Homelessness. (15 minutes)

9. INFORMATION ITEM: Announcement of Demonstration of Accessible Touchscreen Voting Systems, Monday July 26, Noon - 4:30, Room 48 City Hall. Presentation by Department of Elections. (5 Minutes).

1:45

10. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 14th Anniversary Items
    - Mayor Gavin Newsom – invited to address the Council
    - Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier – invited to address the Council.

    A. A Brief History of the Bay Area Disability Rights Movement - Presentation by Ken Stein (30 minutes)

2:20 **BREAK**

2:30

- ADA Anniversary Items – (cont'd)

B. Key ADA Supreme Court Cases - Presentation by Claudia Center, Employment Law Center. (25 minutes)

C. Elizabeth Grigsby - Clients Rights and Self-Advocacy (15 minutes).

D. MDC members - Comments (10 minutes)

E. "The Power of 504" Video (Time permitting) (18 Minutes)

3:35

11. DISCUSSION ITEM: Correspondence

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

13. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member requests for future agenda items.

14. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member comments and announcements.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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July, August & September 2004

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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400
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Friday, 16 July 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

******No meeting in August******

Friday, 17 September 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MDC Executive Committee
Laguna Honda Hospital
375 Laguna Honda Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94116

Tuesday, 20 July 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, 24 August 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(***Location to be determined)***

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MDC Physical Access Committee
City Hall
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Friday, 9 July 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday, 13 August 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MDC Programmatic Access Committee
Rose Resnick Lighthouse
214 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

******No meeting in August******

Friday, 3 September 2004
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Darlene Rutkowski, State Department of Rehabilitation, spoke about her office's involvement in creating employment opportunities for people disabilities. On May 12th, Mr. Rutkowski met with 38 of the ADA Coordinators in the City and County of San Francisco to market the Rule 115 appointment.

- Jerry Grace announced there is a San Mateo County Fair August 13th through August 22nd.

- Linda Chapman urged the council members to look into the issue of MUNI accessibility, specifically as regards the elimination of several bus stops along the Geary Street corridor because this creates particular difficulties for people with disabilities.

- Jakkee Bryson spoke about her lack of accommodations at a homeless shelter located on 1001 Polk Street, specifically the broken disabled toilet stall door and the lack of a bench or shower wand for the disabled shower stall.

- Bob Planthold urged the council members to contact the Mayor's Office on the lack of sensitivity with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) regarding the special transportation needs of people with disability. In addition, Mr. Planthold urged Members to reject the recommendation that all seniors and people with disabilities no longer be eligible for the $216 million dollars allocated for lifeline transportation.

5 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Jack Fagan announced there is no Mayor's Disability Council Meeting scheduled for August. The next regular MDC meeting will be on Friday September 17, 2004. The topic will be on issues relating to Laguna Honda Hospital. The next Executive Committee Meeting will be at Laguna Honda Hospital on Tuesday, July 20, 2004.

Mr. Fagan provided an update on proposed state and local budget cuts, which were discussed at last month's MDC meeting. He reported that there was a restoration by the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee of over $11 million to the Department of Public Health including more than $2.5 million to continue operating the human dialysis unit at San Francisco General Hospital. He thanked Council Member Tatiana Kostanian who provided testimony on the necessity of maintaining this vitally needed unit. In addition, $1 million was restored to cover homelessness services expansion and another $280,000 to MUNI for paratransit services.

Mr. Fagan also reported that Department of Aging and Adult Services had 19 positions cut by the Mayor's staff and three more cuts from the Board of Supervisors. One of the positions effected was the Executive Director. While maintaining the Director title, the classification was demoted to a "Program Manager" position, which decreased the power and status to implement services for people with disabilities. For more information on the potential setback on these services, contact Planning for Elders at (415) 703-0188 or www.planningforelders.org.

6 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

ADA 14th Anniversary Celebration - Ms. Mizner announced there will be a celebration, rally and press conference scheduled for Monday, July 26th at 11:00 a.m. in the South Light Court at City Hall. Guest speakers will include Assemblyman Leland Yee, members of the Board of Supervisors, a renowned poet and other advocates from the community.

Self-Evaluation Report – Ms. Mizner reported that it is done and it looks beautiful. She wanted to thank current council members such as Norma Block and Elizabeth Grigsby and former council member Michael Kwok, in allowing us to use their pictures for this report. The report makes several recommendations and the next step is to evaluate what is needed to accomplish these recommendations, set priorities, and provide a timeline. The report will be available for viewing on the MOD's website in the near future.

Complaints Intake/Referrals – The Executive Committee requested MOD to report on any two common complaints. Ms. Mizner reported that one common complaint is the lack of accommodations in homeless shelters such as bed re-assignments. Staff members from shelters are now trained to do bed re-assignment on the computers on-site and no longer does one need to return back to the Resource Center for re-assignment.

Another recent complaint was regarding MUNI accessibility in relation to the detour work in the Golden Gate Park Concourse. MUNI provided a bus stop that was on the dirt and on a curb with no ramps. City workers responded immediately to add asphalt and install curb ramps at that location.

Public Meetings Checklist – Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier introduced a resolution adopting the use of the Accessible Public Event Checklist for all city-sponsored public meetings and events. The Board passed the resolution without objection.

Lastly, Ms. Mizner announced that Richard Skaff, Deputy Director of MOD, has now retired from the office. She expressed her gratitude for all his hard work and advocacy. She assured the community that Mr. Skaff will not disappear, but is sure to continue his advocacy on behalf of disability access. His vacant position will be advertised shortly.

7 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR

Harry Mar reported the PAC continues to work on two specific projects. The first is the survey of businesses owned by persons with disabilities, pertaining to Section 12D of the City's administrative code which is the City's affirmative action measure on city contracting opportunities. Ten of the 11 respondents from the survey indicated their willingness to testify on behalf of businesses owned by persons with disabilities. Therefore, the PAC would like approach the Human Rights Commission as to the next step.

The second project that PAC continues to work on is website accessibility. They are drafting a recommendation to be presented to the council. The next PAC meeting is scheduled on Friday, September 3rd at 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind located at 214 Van Ness Avenue.

REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (PhAC) CHAIR

Mr. Evans reported the PhAC is currently working on the housing standards for construction in San Francisco. Their next meeting is scheduled on Friday, August 13th at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 421. (Now postponed to Thursday, August 26th, same time & place.)

8 COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF MDC REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON DISABILITY ISSUES TO 10 YEAR PLANNING COUNCIL ON CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

The council members voted unanimously to endorse the MDC Report on disability issues to the Ten Year Planning Council on Ending Chronic Homelessness.

9 ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMONSTRATION OF ACCESSIBLE TOUCHSCREEN VOTING SYSTEMS – PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS.

Jennifer Novak, Department of Elections (DoE), announced that MOD and her office have organized a touch screen voting system demonstration for people with disabilities to view and use as "hands-on" training and to give feedback to MOD and DoE. There will be five different vendors displaying their different systems. This event is scheduled for Monday, July 26th from 12:00PM to 4:00PM outside Room 48, the Elections Department. For more information, call Ms. Novak at 554-4365 or jennifer.novak@sfgov.org.

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from the disability community. She notices the progress and feels that a people with disabilities are starting to become more "mainstream".

Currently, the Board of Supervisor's Chambers lack the accessibility for her to sit at the President's seat. However, with creativity and resources, she is optimistic that it can be accessible. She looks forward to continuing to work with the disability community and furthering the cause to make San Francisco accessible for everyone.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BAY AREA DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT –
Presentation by Ken Stein

MOD Program Administrator Kenneth Stein gave a brief history of the Bay Area Disability Rights Movement. He explained how Berkeley's Center for Independent Living emerged in the mid 1970s out of U.C. Berkeley's Physically Disabled Student Program, in the context of Berkeley's Free Speech Movement and the movement for black civil rights. He discussed what disability civil rights means in relation to attitudes and accessibility; the spread of independent living centers throughout the country; the 1977 "504" San Francisco Sit-In for Disability Civil Rights; and the importance of all of these events in relation to the development of later disability civil rights laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

KEY ADA SUPREME COURT CASES –
Presentation by Claudia Center, Employment Law Center

Claudia Center, Senior Staff Attorney at the Employment Law Center, spoke about a recent Supreme Court ADA case, Tennessee vs. Lane. The plaintiffs in the case, two wheelchair users, sued the State of Tennessee for failing to make the courthouse accessible, and for penalizing one of the plaintiffs for refusing to either crawl or be carried up the courthouse steps. They filed the suit under Title II of the ADA in 1998 and the Supreme Court recently ruled in their favor.

Ms. Center noted that subsequent to the passage of a number of Civil Rights laws (including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990) it had not occurred to anyone that these laws could be thought of as unconstitutional as applied to the states. She discussed Lane vs Tennessee in the context of a number of recent Supreme Court decisions that have been changing the balance between Congress and the Court, between the Federal Government and the states, and to increase states rights.

She discussed what these cases mean in relation to the Commerce Clause of the Constitution as well as Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment, which gives Congress the power to enact laws to ensure equality, as well as in relation to the "congruence / proportional" test for determining whether or not a particular group has suffered discrimination.

She noted that the Lane case we determined based on the fact that the Supreme Court concluded that access to a courthouse is a fundamental right and that there is a well-established history of a lack of access to courthouses.

She concluded that it is important to support the sovereign immunity bill in the state legislature; as well as to have follow-up litigation regarding Title II of the ADA as it applies to education, prisons, etc; to continue to put together disability history; and to continue to promote broad enforcement of the ADA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS ON WHAT ADA MEANS TO THEM

Mr. Evans stated that "accessibility" is what the ADA means to him, in terms of having access to all public buildings, education, healthcare, housing, etc. He feels that there is still a need to create more access.

Mr. Flannery said, for him, the ADA means an ending to isolation in people's lives and making it possible for one to come out figuratively and literally.

Mr. Neil encouraged all to look at all the positive things of Laguna Honda despite all of the recent negative media attention. He has been a resident at that facility for 14 years and has seen many good things.

Ms. Senhaux shared her perspective as a professional with a disability working in the private sector and dealing with disability issues. She feels that the ADA doesn't make one better or worse, but equal. Therefore, Ms. Senhaux stated that it has empowered her to become an advocate for persons with disabilities and she knows that without this law, she would not have gained employment.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

The council members received an e-mail from Nick Elsner, Department of Public Works (DPW), on an upcoming public meeting scheduled on Wednesday, August 4th to discuss the public guidelines on metallic plates, manholes, grills, etc. located in the public sidewalk to comply with the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance for slip resistance recommendation. For more information, contact Mr. Elsner at (415) 554-6799 or nick.elsner@sfgov.org.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Patricia Kemerling, The Arc San Francisco, spoke about her agency embarking on a citywide campaign to secure entry-level part-time jobs, specifically for people with developmental disabilities. Ms. Kemerling encourages the disability community and organizations to participate as community partners in this process. People can contact her at (415) 255-7200 or pkemerling@thearcsanfrancisco.org.

- Lori Guidos spoke about the website called "www.disabledcommunity.org" that she has been developing for the past ten months, on a volunteer basis sponsored by the Independent Living Resource Center and the Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD). The

website provides links to other resources for people with disabilities. She encouraged all to view the website and provide feedback since it is still a work in progress. For more information, contact Ms. Guidos at liveoak@sfsu.edu or at MOD on Tuesdays from noon to 4:00PM at (415) 554-6785.

- Michael Kwok expressed his concerns regarding the latest incident at Laguna Honda Hospital involving a sexual assault on a patient with multiple sclerosis. He said there is a need for a centralized security system.

- Joe Partansky, a Concord resident, told the council that Concord's city council will have an ordinance meeting on Tuesday, September 7th on how to modify a building relating to the zoning requirements for persons with disabilities who want to live independently, in their own home.

- Jenny Yang, a special education student at Mission High School and a former intern with the Department of Building Inspection, expressed her gratitude in working there and thanked her fellow co-workers.

- Jakkee Bryson said that she was inspired by today's meeting topic regarding the ADA's 14th Anniversary. However, she noted her own personal experience relating to the lack of ADA compliance in some shelters.

- Peggy Coster, via bridge line, announced her new cable program called "Disability Today" on public access channel 29 at 9:30 p.m. on Monday nights starting in August. The topic for that evening will be on medical care and budget issues.

- Luis Castillo, Independent Living Resource Center, thanked the Council for having these monthly meetings and said that he looks forward to learning more about the history of the disability rights movement.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

None

14 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

None

15 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, September 17, 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

1:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

2. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Agenda

3. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes

4. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Co-Chairs – Updates on topics from recent MDC meetings, notice of topics for consideration in upcoming meetings.

5. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director – Website redesign, and sample complaints received by MOD.

6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Programmatic Access Committee Chair – Discussions about a replacement affirmative action program for disadvantaged business enterprises, and Website Access.

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7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Physical Access Committee Chair – Update on August and September Committee meetings.

1:20

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM: Laguna Honda Hospital (2 1/2 hours)

A. History of Laguna Honda and Planned Re-Build – Presentations by Laguna Honda Staff. (20 Minutes)

B. Civil Rights Issues

1. The Olmstead Act and its Implications for Laguna Honda - Presentation by Independent Living Resource Center, San Francisco. (10 minutes)

2. The Intersection of Laguna Honda and Community-Based Care Options – Presentation by Charlene Harrington, Ph.D., Professor UCSF; and Laguna Honda Executive Health Leadership staff. (20 Minutes)

3. Department of Public Health, Current Policies and Practices. Presentation by Mitchell Katz, M.D., Director of Health, City and County of S.F. Department of Public Health. (10 Minutes)

4. Targeted Case Management Program, Presentation by V. Elizabeth Gray, Dept of Public Health (10 minutes)

5. Consumers Perspectives (15 Minutes)

2:45 **BREAK**

2:55

Laguna Honda Hospital (Continued)

C. Public Comment – Priority will be given to Laguna Honda residents and former residents.

D. Council Members Discussion

3:30

9. INFORMATION ITEM: An Introduction to Ranked-Choice Voting, Presentation by Bob Planthold, Senior Action Network. (5 Minutes)

10. INFORMATION ITEM: Regarding Hoarding And Cluttering Conference, Wednesday October 6, 2004, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Marines Memorial Club and Hotel. Presentation by Rob Wheeler, Mental Health Association of San Francisco. (5 Minutes)

11. INFORMATION ITEM: Regarding "Let's Rock and Roll" public awareness event and celebration, October 1, 11-2 Union Square. Presentation by Marie Jobling. (5 Minutes)

12. INFORMATION ITEM: Regarding October 9 Legion of Honor Access Advisors' Open House. Presentation by Charlie Dorris, Legion of Honor Access Advisor. Maya exhibition and related activities including exhibition tours, art making, performances, and a panel discussion about disability culture. Admission is free to the disability community with RSVP - 750-7645 (Voice), 750-3509 (TTY), or email tbrown@famsf.org (5 minutes)

13. DISCUSSION ITEM: Correspondence

3:40

14. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

15. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member requests for future agenda items.

16. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member comments and announcements.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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City Hall
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Friday, 17 September 2004
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MDC Executive Committee
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 421
San Francisco, CA 94102

Tuesday, 21 September 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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MDC Physical Access Committee
City Hall
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Friday, 8 October 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

MDC Programmatic Access Committee
Rose Resnick Lighthouse
214 Van Ness Avenue
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Friday, 1 October 2004
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Mayor's Disability Council
Minutes
17 September 2004

1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagan, Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil, Ruth Nunez, Richard Ow, Jul Lynn Parsons, and Denise Senhaux (via Bridge Line).

Absent Excused: Eugene T. Flannery

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

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Jack Fagan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the September 17, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting of July 16, 2004.
4 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Both co-chairs thanked Mayor Newsom for attending the July MDC Meeting on the Americans with Disabilities Act's 14th Anniversary. Ms. Parsons expressed her appreciation for the turnout and response to the meeting.

Mr. Fagan reported that The Arc of San Francisco recently launched a Campaign to Employ Adults with Developmental Disabilities in the San Francisco Bay Area. He wanted to thank the Mayor for agreeing to serve as the honorary chair for this campaign.

5 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

ADA Self-Evaluation Report - Ms. Mizner reported that San Francisco's Self Evaluation Report is completed. The Mayor's Office on Disability (MOD) has drafted the priorities and timelines for the Self-Evaluation. Ms. Mizner will be presenting it to the Programmatic Access Committee (PAC) in two weeks, and to the Council and public in the near future.

Deputy Director for Physical Access Position - Ms. Mizner reported that job announcements have gone out and the office has started to receive applications for this position. The deadline is Wednesday, September 22nd.

Complaints Intake - Ms. Mizner reported that one recent complaint involved a deaf man who was arrested and jailed for one week without being given a sign language interpreter. When his advocate contacted MOD on his behalf, a sign language interpreter was provided and he was released within 24 hours.

MOD Website - The MOD website is being re-designed to make it more accessible and more user-friendly to the public and City staff. MOD welcomes suggestions, requests and feedback on improving the website and any other disability issues. We can be reached by phone at (415) 554-6789, (415) 554-6799 (TTY) and e-mail at mod@sfgov.org

6 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR

Ms. Parsons spoke on behalf of Harry Mar, the Chair of the PAC. She provided a report on recent activity, which included discussion of changes in the administrative code, Chapter 12D; the disadvantaged business enterprise bid preference program; and accessible website design. The PAC meeting is regularly scheduled on the first Friday of each month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind located at 214 Van Ness Avenue.

7 REPORTS FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (PhAC) CHAIR

Mr. Evans reported that the PhAC has been working on policy issues relating to accessibility in housing. Meetings are regularly scheduled the second Friday of each month, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 421.

8 LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL - HISTORY OF LAGUNA HONDA AND PLANNED RE- BUILD.

PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL LANE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Council Member Neil provided a brief history of Laguna Honda (LH). He has been a resident there for the past 15 years. The hospital was initially a homeless shelter providing care and emergency housing to the public after the earthquake in 1906. Mr. Neil resides in Clarendon Hall, an addition to LH, which was built in 1906. In 1962, LH and San Francisco General Hospital were licensed as a Rehabilitation Center. Currently, the LH is entering a new phase of construction.

Mr. Lane is the contracting officer for the Replacement Program, which manages the design and construction of the new facility at Laguna Honda. He provided an overview of what the new building will look like. There will be four new buildings - the South Building, the Link Building, the East Building and the West Building. One of the buildings will be a rehabilitation facility with an aqua therapy program and fitness center. Another building will be a "town center" with meeting rooms, library, store, artwork, beauty/barber shop, etc. Many of the rooms in the new building will be shared by two residents with their own large and tall window to allow for a lot of natural light into the room. Mr. Lane's staff is working to develop an accessible path of travel from the entrance to the building and around the connected buildings. In addition, there are plans to renovate two of the wings in the existing facility for a 140-person assisted living facility.

The Olmstead Decision and its Implications for Laguna Honda (LH) - Presentation by Herb Levine, Independent Living Resource Center, San Francisco (ILRC)

Mr. Levine explained that the Olmstead Decision is a 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision. It started with two women in Georgia who filed a discrimination lawsuit against Mr. Tommy Olmstead, Commissioner of Human Resources. The women argued that they were being discriminated against because they were in an institution when there were services/resources for them to live independently in the community. The Court ruled in their favor. Mr. Levine explained that the civil rights issue is choice - that people should have the choice of living in the community or in an institution. ILRC advocates for a smaller skilled nursing facility and believes that many of the residents at LH would benefit more from rehab beds, more assisted living housing and training for transitional living skills.

The Intersection of Laguna Honda (LH) and Community-Based Care Options - Presentation by Charlene Harrington, Ph.D., Professor UCSF and Laguna Honda Executive Health Leadership Staff

Dr. Harrington reported that in 1998 and 2003, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) notified the City & County of San Francisco (CCSF) that it had violated Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act by placing people in LH who could live in their homes or in the community and by failing to provide services in the most integrated setting. In 2004, the DOJ included in their findings that the State had contributed to unnecessary institutionalization at LH by failing to assess the resident's needs and to inform them of their options of living at home or in the community. Dr. Harrington pointed out that CCSF should ensure that only residents with genuine skilled nursing and rehabilitation care needs are placed at LH. She feels strongly the City needs to improve its coordination and use of the existing community resources, thereby enabling more residents to move to assisted-living into the community. This will be cost effective because it is a lot less expensive than caring for someone at LH and will enable LH to be available for all high-risk individuals who require extensive care.

Department of Public Health, Current Policies and Practices - Presentation by Mitchell Katz, M.D., Director, Department of Public Health, City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)

In addition to being the Director of the Department of Public Health, Dr. Katz is an attending physician at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH). He reported on a recent patient of his who had been in a good supportive housing program. However, she developed significant physical and psychiatric problems requiring admission to SFGH. After her acute problems were addressed, she was still not ready to return home. She was transferred to LH for further rehab. During her time at LH, services were provided for her, including in home support services (IHSS), arrangements to start school, dental services, etc. She will be discharged at the end of the month after only a temporary 30-day stay. Dr. Katz called this "social rehabilitation" and stated that this is the type of use he would like to see more of at LH.

Targeted Case Management Program - Presentation by V. Elizabeth Gray, Department of Public Health, City & County of San Francisco (CCSF)

Ms. Gray performed an assessment among the residents, which found that the majority of the patients would like to live in the community if given the opportunity and the resources to do so. However, many are afraid to take that big step because they have become so accustomed to 24-hour professional care. Overall, she feels the residents would like to be given the choice in making their own decision.

The overall goal of the Targeted Case Management program is to provide comprehensive screening, assessment, individualized linkage service and ongoing case management. The program officially opened on March 29, 2004 and since has screened a total of 637 clients.

Consumers Perspectives

Rudolph Neihoff spoke about how LH saved his life. He was there for four years. Mr. Neihoff was thankful to the staff of LH and MDC for all their assistance.

Michael Smith described himself as a C-5 C-6 Quadriplegic due to a diving accident in 1979. He had lived in many institutions and convalescent hospitals for 15 years after his accident. LH was one of the possible placements for him, but he was able to find housing at Bethany Center where he has been living independently for the past ten years.

Barbara Jamison, a current resident at LH, was thankful to the staff for their assistance with the things she is unable to do for herself. Ms. Jamison felt that she had lost hope, but when she arrived at LH, she found new friends for support and felt love from the staff and other residents.

Michael Kwok, Commissioner from Taxi Commission, spoke about his own negative experience at LH. He was in a car accident in 1986. He was transferred to LH for rehab and stayed for 16 1/2 months. He felt depressed because he was totally dependent - he was told when to eat, when to wake up, when to go to sleep. However, Mr. Kwok stated that the support from his family and outside resources allowed him to live independently outside LH. He feels strongly that the residents at LH should be given more choices to live independently in the community.

Public Comments

Paul Hendrickson spoke about his positive experience at LH for rehab after his stroke in June 2002. Currently, he is a resident at LH and believes that it is the best placement for him. He realizes that it is not for everybody.

Nick Feldman, ILRC, said that there are many resources, such as assistive low and high technology, available for people with disabilities who choose to live in the community, ranging from a magnify glass for reading, to a wheelchair. For more information, please contact him at nick@ilrcsf.org or call him at (415)543-6222.

Patrick Monette disagreed about cutting beds at LH because it would be wrong to discharge someone who is not at their highest level of functioning. He advocates for increased funding (for community based living options), but not at the expense of decreasing the beds that LH needs.

Michael Lyon of the Gray Panthers, said that an increase of the elderly population in the next ten years will require more community-based beds and an increased need for skilled nursing facility at LH.

Luis Calderon, IHSS Public Authority, said individuals should have a choice, and that the resources should also be available for assisted living and accessible affordable housing for people with disabilities in SF. People should have housing options other than LH.

Sister Miriam Walsh, a chaplain at LH for 20 years, spoke about her concerns about the quality of care in independent assisted living. She felt that the outside resources usually hired the cheapest care providers and may not necessarily provide the high level of care that person with disabilities may need. She has heard many stories about workers robbing fragile seniors.

Virginia Leishmin, retired Director of Nursing Services from LH, spoke about the need for all 1,200 beds at LH because there are so many people who need 24-hour nursing services. However, those who are younger who come in for rehab should be discharged, but they should have adequate housing and support services available to them as well. She felt strongly there are too many psychiatric patients mixed in with the elderly.

Denis Craig, an advisor for people with disabilities, spoke via the bridge line. He recommended that the Council monitor the City's efforts to comply with DOJ's recommendations, and that it commission a survey of residents at LH and work to ensure that annually, at least 20% of those who want to move out can, and third, that the Council pass a resolution to fund the development of community alternatives.

Council Members Discussion

Mr. Evans asked how residents who choose to live independently could get 24-hour in-home support services. Dr. Katz responded that IHSS does provide 24 hour assistance, but it is rare, and could be done with family assistance and additional resources.

Ms. Grigsby spoke about her volunteerism at LH, as well as experiences visiting her mother who was a resident at LH. She provided testimony on her observations of the poor quality care at LH. Ms. Grigsby shared her positive experiences regarding her own current living situation in a supportive-living housing. She said that there should be more funding made available for supportive-living.

Ms. Block inquired about the laid-off employees due to closing of the laundry room at LH and "med-seeking" patients. Dr. Katz responded that the laundry room employees had been reassigned to other work duties and that nobody was laid-off. He also pointed out that the doctors do their best to prescribe only necessary drugs to those who really need it.

Mr. Neil shared his positive experiences at LH where he is always treated with dignity, compassion and love. He is optimistic about the changes and re-build plans of LH.

Ms. Senhaux inquired about what the assessment process entails when one chooses to live in the community. Ms. Gray responded that the process begins with a screening and then it goes into a full assessment, which ranges from medical to spiritual needs. Ms. Senhaux pointed out that there needs to be a balance in services and budget for those who want to reside in LH and those who want to live independently in the community.

Ms. Parsons shared her own personal experience about her 92 year old grandmother who lived in a nursing home. Although her grandmother enjoyed living in the nursing home, she felt frustrated that there were many things that she couldn't do herself. Ms. Parsons believes that people should always have a choice as to where they live. Also, she inquired about whether the
theater will be accessible. Mr. Lane indicated that was not part of the reconstruction plan.

Ms. Kostanian inquired about the census of the residents and the average cost it takes to care for a patient at LH. Dr. Katz responded that currently, there are 1,040 residents. The State provides $240.00 per day the City subsidizes another $100.00. He pointed out that it is unfortunate the $240.00 is unavailable for those who choose assisted living.

Mr. Ow inquired about interpreters for non-English speaking patients. Dr. Katz pointed out that they have a multi-lingual staff and several units that served specific ethnic cultures.

Ms. Nunez wanted to know what kinds of barriers the Targeted Case Management (TCM) faces. Ms. Gray responded that one of the barriers is the lack of accessible housing. Therefore, the TCM program provides wheelchair ramps and remodels bathrooms as needed.

Mr. Fagan relayed concerns he had heard about LH being unable to serve psychiatric patients. Dr. Katz responded that it is a complex issue and realizes there have been some changes in the balance of priorities, but he is hopeful with staff training and other interventions, LH will be able to serve both populations.

9 RANKED-CHOICE VOTING - PRESENTATION BY SENIOR ACTION NETWORK.

Bob Planthold briefly explained that Ranked Choice Voting is a system that allows voters to rank their first, second and third choice candidates. This voting method makes it possible to elect a local official (e.g. District Supervisors) by majority vote without the need for a separate run-off election. For more information, contact the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375, visit their website at www.sfgov.org/election, or go to their office at City Hall in Room 48.

10 HOARDING AND CLUTTERING CONFERENCE - PRESENTATION BY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Rob Wheeler announced the annual Hoarding and Cluttering Conference will be held Wednesday, October 6th at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. The conference is for consumers as well as service providers. Mr. Wheeler explained that compulsive hoarding is defined as being unable to throw things away such that one's

living space becomes extremely cluttered. Therefore, it can become a problem for many because it can result in public health problems, personal safety and even eviction.

11 "LET'S ROCK AND ROLL" EVENT - PRESENTATION BY MARIE JOBLING.

Ms. Jobling is a volunteer for Planning for the Elders. This event hopes to increase public awareness and to raise money for a number of different organizations that provide services, advocacy and support for elders, adults with disabilities and their care providers. It will be held on Friday, October 1st at Union Square in SF.

12 PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR - ACCESS ADVISORS' OPEN HOUSE

Mr. Dorris announced that the Open House is a daylong party for the disability community. It features artwork, sculptures in stone, clay, shell, and precious stones of the "Courtly Art of the Ancient Maya." The Open House will be at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor Museum located in Lincoln Park, at 100 34th Avenue in SF. It is free to those who make an appointment. For more information, contact Tish Brown at (415) 750-7645 or e-mail tbrown@famsf.org.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Council received correspondence from Mr. Denis J. Craig, Community Program Specialist, Area Board 5 on Developmental Disabilities, regarding Laguna Honda; as well as from Ms. Ernestine Patterson regarding the need for responsible, competent care workers; lastly, a copy of a legal complaint from Mr. Michael Lyon.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

William Farrell urged people to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate.

Roger Bazeley spoke briefly about the new housing project on Bay Street in SF, which provided inadequate wheelchair access on the sidewalk. He urged the council to follow-up with the Planning Commission to enforce walkability and accessibility in the community. He also urged the Council to urge more "white ladder" crosswalks at dangerous intersections.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Evans suggested the ten year homeless plan and propositions that effect seniors and people with mental and physical disabilities on the upcoming ballot in November Election. Also, Ms. Block spoke about the training and responsibilities of the police relating to the "72-hour hold" of psychiatric patients.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fagan announced that on Saturday, September 18th, there would be a picnic in Marks Meadows at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco (SF) sponsored by AASCEND (Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Coalition for Education, Networking, and Development).

Ms. Grigsby announced the Self-Advocacy Conference for adults with developmental disabilities, held Wednesday, September 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Fort Mason in SF. Mr. Fagan said Ms. Parsons and he would be speaking on a panel in that conference. For more information, contact Mr. Fagan at (415) 255-7200 or jfagan@thearcsanfrancisco.org

Per Mr. Evan's request, the meeting was closed in honor of Disability Advocate Bruce Oka's father who recently passed away. Funeral was scheduled for Saturday, September 18th at 3:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in SF.

17 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, October 15, 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

2. ROLL CALL

3. ACTION ITEM: Reading and Approval of the Agenda

4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Co-Chairs – Updates on topics from recent MDC meetings, notice of topics for consideration in upcoming meetings.

7. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director of the Mayor's Office on Disability. Announcement of Town Hall Meeting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, Thursday, October 28, 5:00 - 7:30 PM at the San Francisco Public Library, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco.

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8. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Programmatic Access Committee Chair – Self-Evaluation update, Discussion about a replacement affirmative action program for disadvantaged business enterprises, and City website access.

1:40 **NOVEMBER ELECTION ISSUES**

9. INFORMATION ITEM: Voting Rights for People with Disabilities: The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) - Presentation by California Secretary of State's Office. (5 Minutes)

10. INFORMATION ITEM: Presentation on Ranked-Choice Voting – Bob Planthold, Senior Action Network. (10 Minutes)

11. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEM: Proposition 63: The Mental Health Services Act. Presentation by Mental Health Association of San Francisco, and consideration of Mayor's Disability Council Resolution in support of Proposition 63. (10 Minutes).
[Public Comment is Welcome]

12. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEM: Propositon A: Supportive and Affordable Rental Housing and Homeownership Bonds. Presentation by the "Yes on Proposition A Campaign," and consideration of Council Resolution in favor of Proposition A. (15 Minutes)
[Public Comment is Welcome]

2:30 **BREAK**

13. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM: Report on Accessible Pedestrian Signal Program – Presentation by Frank Markowitz, Program Manager, City of San Francisco Department of Parking and Traffic. (30 Minutes)
[Public Comment is Welcome]

14. INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: Impact on people with disabilities of eliminating stops on the 38 Geary bus line (15 Minutes)
[Public Comment is Welcome]

3:25

15. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

16. DISCUSSION ITEM: Correspondence

17. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member requests for future agenda items.

18. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member comments and announcements.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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Next Regular Meeting: November 19, 2004

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Friday, 15 October 2004
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City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 421
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Tuesday, 19 October 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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MDC Programmatic Access Committee
Rose Resnick Lighthouse
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Friday, 5 November 2004
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

MDC Physical Access Committee
City Hall
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Friday, 12 November 2004
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Mayor's Disability Council

Special Meeting
Friday, October 29, 2004
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1 ROLL CALL

2 ACTION ITEM: Reading and Approval of the Agenda

3. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Co-Chairs.

4. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director of the Mayor's Office on Disability.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

6. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEM: The withdrawal of MDC's endorsement of ballot propositions in the upcoming November 2004 election. Presentation from City Attorney's Office.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member comments and announcements.

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Mayor's Disability Council
Minutes
15 October 2004

1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans, Jack Fagan, Eugene Flannery, Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil, Richard Ow, Jul Lynn Parsons, and Denise Senhaux (via Bridge Line).

Absent: Ruth Nunez

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

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Jul Lynn Parsons, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the October 15, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the meeting of September 17, 2004.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

William Farrell said that he would like all issues and concerns regarding people with disabilities to be heard.

George Clark, Lighthouse for the Blind, announced that his agency is hosting a free demonstration to the disability community and to the general public on an ES&S Voting Machine that is accessible to people with disabilities. The demonstration will be on Thursday, October 21st at the Lighthouse located at 214 Van Ness Avenue.

Kevin Roach, The Arc of San Francisco, discussed the financial needs of the unemployed, street safety, and his letter to the Mayor regarding homelessness.

Melvin Galloway and Anne Fu spoke about their concerns on the elimination of stops on the 38 Geary bus line and expressed the need to retain some of the former stops.

Fernanda Castillo, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, invited Council Members and the public to attend the Mayor's State of the City address on Thursday, October 21st at 1:00 pm in the Mission High School Auditorium.

Lori Guidos inquired about the proposed "211" telephone line which allows the public to call for information on services provided by the City. Ms. Mizner responded that the City is currently working on a "311" line which will provide the public with referrals for all City departments and agencies. She will follow-up on Ms. Guidos' inquiry on the "211" line. [Note: San Francisco is one of 9 counties that has applied to the California Public Utilities Commission to have a 211 Service Provider designated. CPUC expects that 67% of the state will be covered by the end of 2005.]

5 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Mr. Fagan reported on the feedback he received from the public that there needs to be follow-up from last month's MDC Meeting on the topic of Laguna Honda. He reassured the community that MDC plans to continue to discuss the issues and concerns of LH in the future.

6 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ms. Mizner reported that there will be a Town Hall Meeting to discuss access issues and concerns relating to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community on Thursday, October 28th at the San Francisco Main Library located at 100 Larkin Street. For more information, contact the MOD office.

7 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR

Harry Mar, the Chair of the PAC, reported on the City's Self-Evaluation, administrative codes, and City website access. MOD gave a presentation on the implementation priorities for the City's ADA Self-Evaluation. The Committee agreed with most of the priorities except for the Intensive Programs, which they felt needed to be given a higher priority. Mr. Mar reported that he is following up with survey respondents on a meeting to discuss possible replacement legislation for the City's contracting bid preference program. The committee also continues to work on city website

accessibility based on 508 website accessibility standards. The PAC regularly meets on the first Friday of each month, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse for the Blind located at 214 Van Ness Avenue.

8 REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (PhAC) CHAIR

Mr. Evans noted that there was no PhAC meeting in October. The PhAC meeting is regularly scheduled on the second Friday of each month, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Hall in Room 421.

9 VOTING RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA) - PRESENTATION BY FRANK KENNEDY, CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE.

Mr. Kennedy stated that HAVA is a federal law that passed in 2002. It was enacted to improve integrity in the voting process and ensure that all eligible citizens, including the disability community, have the opportunity to vote. The Secretary of State's office is working to make sure all precincts have at least one accessible voting machine by 2006, as is required by HAVA. Mr. Kennedy said that there would be a variety of devices available by 2006 for people with disabilities.

10 RANKED-CHOICE VOTING - PRESENTATION BY SENIOR ACTION NETWORK.

Bob Planthold explained the process of Ranked Choice Voting. The system has been certified by the State of California. It allows voters to rank their first, second and third choice candidates. This voting method makes it possible to elect a local official by majority vote without the need for a separate run-off election. Mr. Planthold demonstrated how one would fill out a particular ballot. He noted that the first choice candidate will always be counted. However, one's second choice for candidate will only be counted if the first choice has been eliminated, and so on. For more information, contact the Department of Elections at (415) 554-4375, visit their website at www.sfgov.org/election, or go to the Elections Office in Room 48 at City Hall.

11 PROPOSITION 63 - THE MENTAL SERVICES ACT - PRESENTATION BY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (MHA).

Consumer Advocate Antonio Morgan spoke in favor of Proposition 63. He pointed out that if it passes, the results will bring funding to assist people with mental disabilities in the areas of housing, education, training, etc. Mr. Morgan stated that this proposed measure will be helpful to programs like AB 34 which assisted him in obtaining a job, function independently in society, and be a productive contributor to the community.
Alecia Hooper from the MHA supports the proposed measure. She stated that in California, there are more than 50,000 individuals with severe mental illness who live on the street. If Proposition 63 passes, there would be additional Federal funding for mental health treatment, prevention and outreach services. In addition, it offer care to children, adults and seniors who are uninsured or underinsured. Ms. Hooper pointed out that there are numerous elected officials who endorse this measure including the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and local government leaders; as well as all major mental health and healthcare organizations.

The council members unanimously passed a resolution to endorse Proposition 63. [Please note that at a Special Meeting on Friday, October 29th, the council members withdrew their endorsement of this ballot measure because of legal requirements.]

12 PROPOSITION A: SUPPORTIVE AND AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING AND HOMEOWNERSHIP BONDS.

Joseph Smooke, Director of Housing Program for Bernal Heights, spoke in favor of the proposition because of the extreme need for accessible, affordable housing for the disability community. Because government would be a funding source, the review of accessibility would be higher caliber than many privately funded developments.

Proposition A would provide a $200 million general obligation bond that is split into a number of different components, with $90 million set aside for supportive housing and $50 million for homeownership opportunities.

The council members unanimously passed a resolution to endorse Proposition A. [Please note that at a Special Meeting on Friday, October 29th, the council members withdrew their endorsement of this ballot measure because of legal requirements.]

13 REPORT ON ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL PILOT PROGRAM. PRESENTATION BY FRANK MARKOWITZ, PROGRAM MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC FOR THE CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. Markowitz provided an overview of the pilot program with a list of potential street locations. It is a two-phase project, which will test different audible pedestrian signal (APS) devices at high-need locations and develop city standards with installation guidelines. Mr. Markowitz has been working closely with various individuals and organizations including the Lighthouse for the Blind.

There are a number of components to this program which include evaluating the different devices such as taped voice message, different types of tones, assessing locations where APS would be most useful, signal phasing, the level of public interest, and cost. The goal is to install these signals at approximately 28 intersections from mid-2005 to 2006. He would like to continue to receive public input. For more information, contact Mr. Markowitz at (415) 252-4696 or email him at Frank.Markowitz@sfgov.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Feldman, Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC), spoke in favor of the Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS) Program because it has worked well in the East Bay where he used to live.

Tony Lewis spoke in favor of the APS Program and would like to add 2nd & King Streets as another location for the signals. Mr. Lewis pointed out increasing noises in the city make the tone difficult to hear.

Kathleen Anderson supports the program and agreed that safety is an important factor. She suggested other possible locations for the APS such as the CalTrain area, Embaracadero, Ferry, etc.

Jessie Lorenz, ILRC, reported that the Lighthouse, The Council for the Blind and ILRC

are currently in structured negotiations with the City of San Francisco and are trying to come up with a workable agreement to install accessible pedestrian signals. Ms. Lorenz recommended that there be an APS on Ocean Avenue, at City College of SF. Many blind students have dropped out of college because of the absence of an APS at this location. For more information, contact Ms. Lorenz at (415) 543-6222.

Joshua Miele expressed his concerns about the different kinds of signals that are being considered. He stated that consistency is critical in implementing signals at these street intersections to avoid any ambiguity or confusion.

Diane Nakaji, speaking on behalf of Darlene Ratkowski, Department of Rehabilitation, voiced support of the APS Program and provided other possible locations for the signals including 17th and Castro.

Ojocion Ingram expressed his gratitude to Fred Stephens, General Manger of MUNI, for installing accessible walk device on the street corners and making crosswalks more visible in the Richmond District. He also suggested 19th and Lincoln as an intersection to be considered.

Michael Larsen stated that he feels SF needs accessible signals in different street locations. He suggested audible signals on Van Ness and 19th Avenue due to the high density traffic. Mr. Larson also suggested louder audible signals due to being hard of hearing and blind.

Bill Crandall participated in a study with The Smith Kettlewell Eye Institute on remote audible signage, which is installed in the Civic Center area. Mr. Crandall indicated that the study was an overwhelming success in terms of safety and independence, and in terms of people being able to cross the street in a very timely and efficient manner.

David J. Villa-Lobos, Director of Community Alliance, is seeking assistance on behalf of his constituents in the Tenderloin, on adjusting the speed of metered crossing signals. In addition, he is requesting audible signals on two specific intersections (Jones & Eddy and Turk & Eddy) due to the high population density of seniors and people with disabilities.

14 IMPACT ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ELIMINATING STOPS ON THE 38 GEARY BUS LINE.

Speakers and discussion was deferred to the Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 19th at City Hall in Room 421.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Chapman stated that she wants to defer her comments on the 38 Geary line to the next meeting. However, she wanted to point out that the elimination of stops on this line is an inconvenience to seniors and people with disabilities.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

17 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Block extended her hopes for a meaningful Ramadan for those who will be observing it.

19 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Special Meeting

Minutes

29 October 2004

1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block, Ed Evans (via Bridge Line), Jack Fagan, Eugene Flannery, Elizabeth Grigsby, Ruth Nunez, Richard Ow and Jul

Lynn Parsons.

Absent. Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil and Denise Senhaux

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Josie J. Lee, Office Manager; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Jul Lynn Parsons, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the October 29, 2004 MDC Special Meeting.

3 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Mr. Fagan reported briefly on the previous monthly MDC Meeting held on Friday, October 15th regarding the council's endorsement of two ballot measures in the upcoming November 2004 election. At that meeting, the Council adopted two resolutions regarding the propositions. Mr. Fagan proceeded to explain the reasons for this "Special Meeting". He stated that the City Attorney Office is here to explain why adopting the two resolutions pertaining to the ballot measures went beyond the council's authority. Also, the City Attorney will be educating the council members and the public on appropriate policies and procedures. Lastly, Mr. Fagan, on behalf of the MDC, apologized to the public for adopting the resolutions due to a lack of information on policies and procedures.

4 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITY (MOD)

Ms. Mizner conveyed MOD's apologies regarding the adoption of the resolutions. She thanked the City Attorney for attending this meeting to train the MDC.

Ms. Mizner provided an update on accessibility at City public events including the Mayor's State of the City Address and Town Hall Meetings. The Meetings Checklist reviewed by the council and passed by the Board of Supervisors has increased the expectation of accessibility in public meetings.

Ms. Mizner reported that MOD has conducted the final interviews for the Deputy Director of Physical Access position and hopes to announce a hire as soon as the requisition is approved.

MOD met with the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee on making the President's dais accessible to persons with disabilities in the Board of Supervisor Chambers. It was a positive meeting with substantive and helpful feedback from the Supervisors.

Lastly, MOD's DCARA consultant Todd Higgins organized a Town Hall Meeting recently for the deaf and hard of hearing community to discuss some of their issues and

concerns regarding accessibility. They received constructive feedback on working with the City departments and draft policies.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6 THE WITHDRAWAL OF MDC'S ENDORSEMENT OF BALLOT PROPOSITIONS IN THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 2004 ELECTION.

Chad Jacobs and Tom Lakritz, both lawyers from the City Attorney's Office, were present. Mr. Jacobs stated that state and local laws prohibit all public officers and City employees from using City resources for political activities, including supporting or opposing ballot measures or candidates. The laws also prohibit City officers and employees from engaging in political activities on City time or City premises. Mr. Jacobs noted the Council Members are volunteers who conduct their business on City time and on City premises. However, when the meeting is over, and they are in their private capacity, they are free to engage in any political activities such as endorsing a ballot measure, making phone calls, urging people to vote, etc.

Mr. Jacobs pointed out that the Council Members in their official capacity are free to do an impartial analysis of the effects of a measure on the city and the services that the city provides. It has to be a fair and balanced presentation about the effects of a measure. He spoke about the difference between a piece of legislation pending and a proposed ballot measure brought before the Board of Supervisors. Once something is on a ballot, it becomes a measure and therefore, the Council cannot support or oppose it. However, if it is still pending and it hasn't become a measure yet, it is not improper for the council members to take a position on the piece of legislation. Nor are they prohibited from passing a resolution or going before the Board in their official capacity to urge them to pass a piece of legislation.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fagan announced that the next regular MDC Meeting will be on Friday, November 19th. The agenda will include the 38 Geary bus line and proposed elimination of stops in the Tenderloin district.

Ms. Parsons had three announcements:

1. www.kpfa.org and their phone number is (510) 848-6767.
2. Sign Language interpreter(s) are available at an Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting held weekly on a Saturdays from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at 2135 Sutter Street at Steiner,
3. There is a Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, October 30th for District 2 at

the George R. Moscone Center.

Mr. Evans asked that if the disability community is experiencing any inaccessibility in their polling place, to contact the Election Protection Hotline at (866) OUR-VOTE (687-8683).

8 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of

Mayor's Disability Council

Friday, November 19, 2004
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 400

1:00 p.m.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
2. ROLL CALL
3. ACTION ITEM: Reading and Approval of the Agenda
4. ACTION ITEM: Approval of the Minutes

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Items not on today's agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the MDC. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

6. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Co-Chairs. Updates on topics from recent MDC meetings, notice of topics for consideration in upcoming meetings.

1:15

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM (continued from October meeting): Impact on people with disabilities of eliminating stops on the 38 Geary bus line. (45 Minutes)

[Public Comment is Welcome]

2:00 BREAK

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM: City of San Francisco Self Evaluation Priorities: Discussion and Feedback. Presentation by Susan Mizner, Director, Mayor's Office on Disability. (30 minutes)

[Public Comment is Welcome]

2:30

9. INFORMATION ITEM: Disability Program Navigator. Presentation by Jana Overbo, Disability Program Navigator, S.F. Private Industry Council. The San Francisco Navigator program helps jobseekers, employers and service providers navigate the complex world of work incentives & benefits for people with disabilities. For more information call 415-431-8700 or email joverbo@picsf.org (5 minutes)

10. INFORMATION ITEM: PGE CARE Program, which offers discounts to fixed and low-income households. Presentation by Sona Balanian. For more information, call 1-866-743-2273, or visit www.pge.com/care (5 minutes)

11. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Director of the Mayor's Office on Disability. Report on the Town Hall Meeting for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community, and proposal to add the Mayor's Office on Disability to the City's Administrative Code.

12. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Physical Access Committee Chair. Review of Accessibility in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

13. INFORMATION ITEM: Report from the Programmatic Access Committee Chair. Update on replacement affirmative action program for disadvantaged business enterprises, and City website access.

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15. DISCUSSION ITEM: Correspondence

16. DISCUSSION ITEM: Council Member requests for future agenda items.

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1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block; Jack Fagan; Eugene Flannery; Elizabeth Grigsby; Tatiana Kostanian; Robert Neil; Richard Ow; Jul Lynn Parsons; Ed Evans (via Bridge Line) and Denise Senhaux (via Bridge Line).

Absent: Ruth Nunez

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Jack Fagan, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the November 19, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the October 15th Regular Meeting and October 29th Special Meeting.

4 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Ms. Parsons reported that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued a request for public comment on the proposed ADA Accessibility Guidelines. DOJ is requesting feedback from the public via a questionnaire. Ms. Parsons encouraged the public to review and participate in this process. For more information, the website is www.adaanprm.org.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

Francisco Da Costa stated that he would like to see the MDC be made into a Commission so that it would have "more clout". He also stated there are some people with mental disabilities who are living in homes that are not accessible.

6 IMPACT ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ELIMINATING STOPS ON THE 38 GEARY BUS LINE.

Suany Chough, MUNI's Project Manager of the Geary Transit Improvement Project, provided an overview summary of ridership on the 38 Geary bus line. There are approximately 50,000 riders daily on this bus line. The streets they are focusing on include the downtown portion of the Geary route, which runs on Geary and O'Farrell Streets between Van Ness and Market. The goal of the project is to improve reliability. They hope to accomplish this in several ways such as widening the transit lanes, reducing the lanes from 5 to 4 lanes, building bus bulbs out to improve boarding, minimizing double parking with better yellow zones, and installing turn pockets. In addition, the project consists of reducing the number of bus stops from 19 to 14. The bus will stop every one and a half to two blocks. They are hoping this will result in less bunching of buses, fewer gaps in service and a better, smoother rider experience. The next step is to have the plan approved by the Board of Supervisors, and have it implemented in early 2005. In the meantime, Ms. Chough welcomed feedback from the public and would like to come back in six months to provide another update.

Richard Allman, Save the Bus Stops Coalition, spoke in opposition to reducing the bus stops on the 38 Geary bus line. He provided statistical information on the riders who commonly use this particular line. Many are seniors and people with disabilities who depend on these bus stops because they have to depend on transit for their shopping and medical care. In addition, some stop reductions will cause these people to walk up steep slopes, which is difficult due to their limited mobility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ELIMINATION OF STOPS ON 38 GEARY BUS LINE

Ann Fu spoke about herself and other family members who will be affected by the elimination of stops on the 38 Geary bus line and possibly other bus lines. She spoke in favor of maintaining the bus stops.

John Nulty, a regular rider on the 38 Geary bus line for over 20 years, provided a brief history of the 38 Geary bus line. He expressed disappointment with MUNI and his

opposition to the proposed eliminated of stops.

Bob Planthold stated that the proposed stops are on a local line and not a commuter line. Therefore, it affects many seniors because many of them depend on the transit everyday to attend to their needs.

Michael Nulty spoke about attending many community meetings, which included residents, business owners, etc. He pointed out there is a great deal of community support to keep the bus stops in their neighborhood.

Linda Chapman also spoke against eliminating the bus stops. She pointed out that she understands that the managers of this project have a goal to meet, but felt that they may not have fully taken into account the impact it has on the people with disabilities.

Mark Brown shared his experience about getting on the bus with his friend in a wheelchair and another person in a walker. He pointed out the bus lifts are not always level and it can be hard disembarking the bus. He feels MUNI's idea of imposing a bus bulb in the middle of the block between Polk and Van Ness is damaging to the lift machinery and cannot fully accommodate passengers with disabilities.

Jerry Grace agreed with others who wanted to maintain the bus stops. He often rides the bus himself. He stated that he would like to see more police officers maintain traffic flow in order for the bus to run more efficiently and on time.

Jeremy Nelson supported MUNI's proposal on the reduction of bus stops on the 38 Geary bus line. He suggested Paratransit for people with disabilities. Council members responded to Mr. Nelson's statement regarding paratransit that it is not always reliable and people with disabilities should not be denied the right to ride on MUNI, that it is suppose to be accessible to everyone.

Bob Douglas (via bridge line), a Tenderloin resident, feels that the elimination of bus stops is a bad idea and spoke in favor of keeping the stops.

7 CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO ADA SELF-EVALUATION PRIORITIES. PRESENTATION BY SUSAN MIZNER, DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITY.

Ms. Mizner provided a brief Powerpoint presentation. She explained that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation is a review of the City's programs to determine whether people with disabilities have an equal opportunity of using and benefiting from the City's services, activities and programs. She explained how the ADA Self-Evaluation was conducted, the major findings from the Evaluation and the proposed priorities for implementation.

Ms. Mizner stated that the feedback the City received from the consumers at the public forum meetings was very helpful. It indicated the need for more structure and consistency citywide. The next step is prioritizing needs.

The proposed top priorities, to be substantially completed by January '06, include ensuring city-wide:
ADA Rights Notice
Reasonable Modifications Policy
Updated ADA Grievance Procedure
Effective Communication Policies

Improved auxiliary aids and services
Improved TTY and Relay service access

The next proposed priorities, to be substantially completed by January '07, include:
Training for City Staff
Access Criteria for Contracted Services
Access Criteria for Equipment Purchases

The final priorities, to be substantially completed by January '09, include:
ADA Coordinator job classification
Evaluations & standards for Intensive Programs (those delivering vital services)

Ms. Mizner emphasized that most of these issues would have on-going implementation and updates, but that the deadlines were a means to assess progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE SELF-EVALUATION

Oliver Markwirth suggested an interactive voice response in the City's voicemail system where one can press for "extended time" from the selection menu. He felt this would be helpful for deaf people because there is not enough time to respond if using the Relay Service.

8 THE SAN FRANCISCO NAVIGATOR PROGRAM (SFNP). PRESENTATION BY JANA OVERBO, DISABILITY PROGRAM NAVIGATOR.

Ms. Overbo was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Stein provided a brief introduction of Ms. Overbo's background and her program. Ms. Overbo is a long time member of San Francisco's disability community. She worked for many years at the Independent Living Resource Center and is currently working as the Disability Program Navigator in the SFNP. This program assists job seekers, employers and service providers to navigate the complex world of work incentives and benefits for people with disabilities. For more information, call Ms. Overbo at (415) 431-8700 or e-mail her at joverbo@picsf.org.

9 PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC (PG & E) CARE PROGRAM - PRESENTATION BY MARVIN NESHWAD AND ERWIN BONILLA, PG & E.

Mr. Neshwad provided an introduction of the CARE Program. Then Mr. Bonilla spoke in greater detail about what the program entails and who is eligible for it. The CARE Program provides qualifying low-income consumers in California a 20% discount on their gas and electricity bills. In addition, electric CARE participants are exempt from recent electric rate increases. Qualified residential customers are based on the number in the household and their annual income. For example, for a household of 1 or 2 persons, the annual income must be less than $23,400. One can pick up a CARE Application at the Customer Service Centers at any PG&E company and online at www.pge.com/care. They are also available in different languages, including Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. For more information, call (866) PGE-CARE (743-2273).

10 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITY (MOD)

Proposal to Add the MOD to the City Administrative Code - Supervisor Alioto-Pier

recently introduced legislation that would include MOD in the City's Administration Code as a policy making body. This would enable the office to create policies and submit them to the Board of Supervisors for approval to apply citywide.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Town Hall Meeting - Ms. Mizner reported that the meeting was held last month to listen to the concerns and issues regarding accessibility in the City from the DHH community. In addition, MOD wanted feedback on the proposed policies affecting the community as well. She stated that it was well organized by Todd Higgins, DCARA Consultant for MOD, and well attended by over 60 guests, which included some MDC council members and City's ADA Coordinators. The underutilization of TTY lines by the deaf community was noted, because many said that it was a difficult form of communication especially when English is not their primary method of communication. However the community is excited about the Video Relay Service, which allows one to communicate in sign language. The library's ADA Coordinator, Marti Goddard indicated that the library hopes to install one in the near future.

Another major issue was the City's phone line menus - it makes it difficult to use the Relay Service because the systems hang up on you by the time the Operator can type all the selections.

11 REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (PhAC) CHAIR

Council Member Evans reported that the committee has been working on City access policies and accessibility to the President's dais in the Board of Supervisor's Chamber. Mr. Evans expressed his support of creating a joint subcommittee to discuss transportation issues including Para transit, ramp taxi service, etc.

Co-Chair Parsons added that there would be a site visit to Board of Supervisor Chambers at the next Physical Access Committee Meeting on Friday, December 10th at 1:30PM at City Hall in Room 421.

12 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR

Co-Chair Parsons reported that the committee continues to work on website accessibility with the Lighthouse and the disability community. In addition, she had Ms. Mizner provided an update on the replacement affirmative action program for disadvantaged business enterprises. The City's bid preference was ruled to be a violation of Proposition 209 on July 26, 2004. Therefore, the City has invited disadvantaged businesses to provide input into a new contracting procedure to provide small and disadvantaged business owners with a fair opportunity to win City contracts. A proposal has been drafted, disability owned businesses are definitely included in this round of proposals, and the City Attorney's office is reviewing the proposal.

Co-Chair Fagan announced that Council Member Flannery had expressed interest in becoming the Chair for the PAC. Following an unanimous vote by the Council, Council Member Flannery was appointed as the new Chair for the PAC.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Grace spoke about the importance of a "511" information line to assist the general public in providing public transit route information.

Walter Park expressed concern that the recent defeat of the ballot measure to increase taxes would result in all meetings, including MDC Meetings, to be no longer broadcast on television.

Oliver Markwirth said that there is a need for visual aids on MUNI and BART to assist the deaf and hard of hearing.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

There were two letters of correspondence. The first was from Ernestine Patterson regarding elimination of stops on the 38 Geary bus line. The second one was from Lawrence and Irma Barbu regarding their request for more public "blue benches" for people with disabilities who can walk short distances only.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
None

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

17 ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM: The Mayor's Office on Disability Year in Review. Presentation by MOD Director Susan Mizner.

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEM: The Mayor's Disability Council Year In Review. Presentation by MDC Members.

1:45

9. INFORMATION ITEM: Report on San Francisco Suicide Prevention Hotline. Presentation by Eve Meyer, Executive Director, S.F. Suicide Prevention. Suicide Prevention Hotline (415) 781-0500 or 1-800-Suicide; 781-2224 (TTY). (*10 minutes*).

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Mayor's Disability Council
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1 ROLL CALL

Mayor's Disability Council Members Present: Norma Block; Ed Evans; Jack Fagan; Eugene Flannery; Elizabeth Grigsby; Tatiana Kostanian; Ruth Nunez, Richard Ow; Jul Lynn Parsons; Robert Neil and Denise Senhaux (via Bridge Line).

Mayor's Office on Disability: Susan Mizner, Director; John Paul Scott, Deputy Director; Ken Stein, Program Administrator; and Howard O. Wong, Council Clerk.

Jul Lynn Parsons, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Council approved the agenda of the December 17, 2004 MDC Meeting.

3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from the November 19th Regular Meeting.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT

Eduardo Bonsi, representative of The Sound Promotion Organization spoke of an environmental program in New York in which children are taught to collect data on noise pollution thus determining which companies are doing this. He hopes to set up a similar program in San Francisco.

Council Member Evans would like to discuss issues regarding the environment and sound at the MDC Executive Committee Meeting and the MDC Physical Access Committee Meeting.

William Farrell brought to the public's attention the basic human right of blind parents who are ready, willing and able to raise healthy children and they should be allowed to do so.

Council Member Evans and Council Member Ow suggested that the issue of protection for parents with disabilities as an item for discussion at the next MDC Executive Committee Meeting.

Co-Chair Parsons suggested inviting Child Protective Services and related agencies to the MDC Meetings.

Council Member Nunez spoke about the need to focus on the specific issue such as children as a community and not as an emotional issue. Issues that need to be taken to Children's Protective Services should be approached slowly and narrowed to that specific issue without overreacting.

Jerry Grace was proud to announce that he had won a first place gold medal in the San Francisco Special Bowling Olympics.

Mark Brown stated his concern about the lack of countdown signals for pedestrian safety at the corners of Hyde Street and Jones Street, where cars travel at very high speeds.

Council Member Evans and Council Member Kostanian noted that the contact person for audible pedestrian signals is Frank Markowitz, Department of Parking and Traffic.

5 REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Co-Chair Fagan reported a follow-up on the Inner Geary Transit Improvement Project,

which would affect the 38 Geary Bus line through the Tenderloin. He read a letter written by Co-Chair Parsons on behalf of the MDC to Mayor Gavin Newsom regarding the impact of the removal of the bus stops on people with disabilities and seniors. At the Transportation Authority Meeting held on Tuesday, December 14th, Supervisor Chris Daly proposed a compromise to keep the existing stops and the route through the Tenderloin on the 38 Geary line with the exception of eliminating one of the bus stops at Polk and O'Farrell Streets inbound and Mason, O'Farrell and Geary Streets outbound which was favored by a 9-1 vote by the Supervisors. This compromise is now pending approval from the Municipal Transportation Authority.

Co-Chair Fagan reported that issues pertaining to Laguna Honda Hospital will be a main topic for consideration in upcoming meetings.

- **REPORT ON SAN FRANCISCO SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE. PRESENTATION BY EVE MEYER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, S.F. SUICIDE PREVENTION.**

Council Member Block welcomed and introduced Eve Meyer, Director of San Francisco's Suicide Prevention. The organization, consisting of 150 volunteers, talks to 60,000 people every year, or about 200 people per day. There are nearly twice as many suicides in the city as homicides. Volunteers provide assurance to people who call for help by telling them that it could be their turn one day to help others in the same situation. The philosophy of the organization is to help others find hope and for the survivor to one day feel the same kind of "saving the earth" feeling.

Council Member Fagan inquired about training for the suicide hotline using the rules of grammar or syntax on TTY's and American Sign Language.

Eve Meyer responded that most of the materials for the deaf and hard of hearing have been in written form and she would welcome someone to do some training in the near future.

Jerry Grace commented on an article in a magazine regarding teenagers who are afraid or embarrassed to tell their parents or teachers about crisis / issues occurring in school that would affect them.

Eve Meyer responded that a Youth Risk Reduction Program exists where the organization goes into the classrooms to teach teenagers about suicide and how to take care of each other. If someone is suicidal, they are taught to ask them "how are they going to kill themselves" before "why will they kill themselves?" thus allowing the teen to function as an adult volunteer.

Trevor Line, another phone line that is nationally run and publicized for sexual minority youth including gay, lesbian, transgender youth who are at the highest risk for suicide, is also being answered by the Suicide Prevention Hotline. Approximately 500 calls per month from youths around the United States have been received.

Patrick Ipp offered an alternative to TTY for deaf workers, which would be to set up a video relay service; a fast internet connection to project video. He can be reached at (415) 984-1900.

Council Member Nunez offered other resources on reaching at-risk youths. She can be contacted at (415) 749-6828.

The main crisis number for San Francisco Suicide Prevention is (415) 781-0500.

The AIDS / HIV Hotline which provides moral support and crisis intervention for people with AIDS and Hepatitis C and HIV is (415) 434-AIDS.

The AIDS / HIV nightline is (415) 781-2226.

The Ligna Notura line in Spanish is (415) 989-5212.

The TTY number for the Crisis line is (415) 781-2224.

The Drug information and referral line is (415) 362-3400.

7 MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITY YEAR IN REVIEW. PRESENTATION BY SUSAN MIZNER, DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITY.

Ms. Mizner provided a brief "MOD year-end report" summing up where the Mayor's Office on Disability has been and where it is going.

The mission of MOD is to ensure that all city programs, activities, benefits and facilities are fully accessible to and usable by people with disabilities.

This goal is being accomplished via MOD's ongoing work in five major areas:

1. **ADA Transition Plan & Self-Evaluation.**

In 2004, MOD finalized & published the City's first ADA Self-Evaluation Report. The process of implementing the findings of this report include the work being done under the Deaf and Hard of Hearing contract; creating a new model ADA Grievance Procedure; the creation and dissemination of the Public Meeting Accessibility Checklist (and it's subsequent authorization by the Board of Supervisors; and providing funding to support a study of the work of the Behavioral Health Court.

Implementing the ADA Transition Plan involves continued work on the Transition Plan's top priorities, which include funding to provide full architectural access to four Department of Public Health Community Clinics; and Curb Ramp Construction. More than 214 curb ramps have been built so far.

2. **Technical Assistance to Departments & Special Departmental Projects.**

MOD depends on the work of ADA Coordinators in departments throughout the City. This past year, MOD has worked to provide more structured support to the ADA Coordinators through an ADA Coordinator's Toolkit; Programmatic Access Bulletins, which have been posted to the MOD Website; and sample forms and notices. In addition the Office has held regular meetings with ADA Coordinators and obtained feedback from the ADA Coordinators on proposed policies and procedures.

The Office has worked with a number of individual departments on a number of specific projects throughout the year. These include:

•Department of Aging & Adult Services - working on the strategic plan for long-term care plan, helping to ensure equity for people with disabilities in the provision of City Services

•DTIS - strategic plan for Telecommunications access

•Department of Elections - voting access

•Department of Human Services - shelters

•Office of Emergency Services - planning

•Mayor's Office on Housing - housing impediments report

3. **Plan and Site Review for Access in City Construction & Renovation.**
MOD does plan-checks to ensure accessibility compliance in all City-funded construction and renovation projects. Because of staffing shortages, the office had an eight-month backlog. This has reduced to a 20-business day turn-around, despite an increase in the number of plan and site reviews requested.

4. **City-Wide ADA Grievance Procedure.**
MOD is the focal point for hundreds of requests for information and assistance. In the past year, MOD has handled more than 50 discrimination or accessibility access complaints, the majority of which were resolved within 30 days.

5. **Mayor's Disability Council.**
MOD staffs the Mayor's Disability Council monthly meetings as well as the Executive Committee meetings, and the Programmatic Access and Physical Access Committees of the Council. The MDC is a forum for the disability community to raise issues and concerns, and provides a platform for feedback and support on MOD's priorities, work and goals.

MOD is proud of having put together the ADA Anniversary Celebration with the Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco (ILRC) and with Supervisor Alioto-Pier. MOD also participated in a City first, working with the Department of Elections and the Voters Access Advisory Committee, in putting together an Accessible Voting Technology demonstration and evaluation.

Ms Mizner introduced John Paul Scott, MOD's new Director for Physical Access. She also announced that there is an ordinance currently before the Board of Supervisors, to put the Mayor's Office on Disability in the City's Administrative Code.

Ms. Mizner thanked the entire staff of MOD as well as the MDC members for their hard work and devotion to helping San Francisco be as accessible as possible to persons with disabilities.

- **MAYOR'S DISABILLITY COUNCIL YEAR IN REVIEW. PRESENTATION BYJACK FAGAN, CO-CHAIR MAYOR'S DISABILITY COUNCIL**

Co-Chair Fagan began by recapping the purpose and mission of the MDC in four categories:

A. To work with the Mayor's Office on Disability and the City government to ensure that all the city's services are in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

1. As experts on disability, to advise the Mayor and the Mayor's Office on Disability

on issues relating to people with disabilities.
2. Through the MDC Meetings and televising of the meetings, to educate and raise awareness about disability issues to the community and specifically to people with disabilities.
3. Through public comments and via the bridge phone line, to provide a forum where citizens with disabilities may participate in the above three items listed to assists with the city's compliancy with the ADA.

Co-Chair Fagan provided a summary of the MDC's accomplishments during the past twelve months. Highlights included:

- San Francisco Behavior Health Court - Resolution passed to support the Behavior Court
- ADA Grievance Procedure – Introduction and explanation
- ADA Self Evaluation for the City – Findings and setting priorities for the coming year
- State Budget Cuts -Testimony on State budget cut impacts of services to people with disabilities and In-home Support Services
- Training on Deaf Accessibility Accommodations for People Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing by Todd Higgins from Deaf, Counseling and Referral Agency (DCARA), Consultant with MOD.
- AASCEND, The Autism and Asperger's Syndrome Coalition for Networking and Development - Presentation from members of AASCEND
- Mayor Gavin Newsom and Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier – First visit to MDC Meeting by the Mayor or the Board of Supervisor
- Angela Alioto –Addressing the needs of people with disabilities in the ten-year plan to end homelessness
- Kenneth Stein – Presentation on educational history of the disability rights movement
- Department of Parking Traffic – Impact of traffic circle, traffic calming devices and people who park their vehicles on the sidewalks
- Department of Public Works – Impact of construction projects on disability access in the public right-of-way
- Living with Dignity Plan – A strategic plan to make improvements in the system of community based, long-term care and supportive system for older adults and adults with disabilities from 2004 through 2008. Presentation by the Department of Aging and Adult Services
- Laguna Honda Hospital – Different constituencies expressing their concerns and issues on the hospital

Co-Chair Fagan noted that the MDC members have taken their work seriously in terms of outreach to the community, attending a variety of events and meetings and participating on different councils and committees. They represent the Mayor, the Mayor's Office on Disability, and the disability community to the public. Many of the dedicated MDC members work with disability-related agencies and services as well as their own work.

Co-Chair Fagan welcomed and noted the three new members to the Council this year - Tatiana Kostanian, Robert Neil and Richard Ow. He gave special recognition to Richard Ow for his strong advocacy in the disability community.

Lastly, Co-Chair Fagan congratulated and thanked all the MDC members for their participation and encouraged the community to participate in the meetings.

9 REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ON DISABILITY (MOD)

New Deputy Director at MOD – Ms. Mizner welcomed and introduced John Paul Scott, ADA Coordinator for the Port of San Francisco as the new Deputy Director for MOD. His primary responsibilities will include:

1. Detailed prioritization and cost estimate of the items in the ADA Transition Plan, which will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for funding commitments.
2. Along with Jim Whipple, MOD's Access Compliance Officer, developing policies for plan reviews and standards.
3. Staffing and working the MDC Physical Access Committee Meeting on channeling input from the community.

Deputy Director Scott spoke a few words about himself. As a licensed architect with an invisible disability, he became involved in accessibility in the early 80's. Having a passion about accessibility led to appointment to the U.S. Access Board's Recreation Advisory Committee and chairmanship of the State Architect's Universal Design Committee, which is the lead advisory committee on bringing new accessibility building codes to the State of California. John looks forward to working with the MDC, as well as the members of the general public and community on moving forward with the changes and dynamics that the ADA Transition Plan requires.

ADA Self Evaluation Program Notice to the Public – Ms. Mizner reported that one of the priorities in the ADA Self Evaluation Program requires that all the programs in the City that serve the public, post a notice at their entrance, to inform the public of their right not to be discriminated against, and to ask for reasonable modification if needed. A few variations of the signs with clear, simple language and visual disability symbols of auxiliary aids were presented to the MDC and the public for review. The signs will be sent out to city departments in San Francisco for display at their entrance, with the encouragement of each department to tailor the notice to their own services. Comments and feedback on the signs are welcomed by calling the Mayor's Office on Disability at (415) 554-6789 phone or (415) 554-6799 TTY, or email: MOD@sfgov.org.

10 REPORT FROM THE PHYSICAL ACCESS COMMITTEE (PhAC) CHAIR

Council Member Evans congratulated all the people and the committee members who worked so hard on the issues that have been presented at the PhAC in the past year. Issues included universal standards and curb cuts at Union Square with Kevin Jensen; building projects at Golden Gate Park and Laguna Honda; housing standards with John Paul Scott and access information from Jim Whipple at MOD. A big thank you to Jose Caedo for his assistance, and a big welcome to John Paul Scott.

The committee has also been working on City access policies and accessibility for the President's dais in the Board of Supervisor's Chamber. Mr. Evans reported that the majority of MDC members have approved on one of the proposals, which involves lowering three steps to the legislative floor in order to put in ramp access to the president's chair.

The next MDC Physical Access Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2005, City Hall, Room 421, from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

11 REPORT FROM THE PROGRAMMATIC ACCESS COMMITTEE (PAC) CHAIR

Co-Chair Parsons welcomed Council Member Eugene Flannery, new elected Chair to the MDC Programmatic Access Committee.

Council Member Flannery reported on the four primary topics discussed on December 14, 2004.

1. Update on the city's progress toward replacement legislation for Administrative Code 12D to include disabled persons with disabilities.
2. The committee continues to work on website accessibility initiatives and standards with DTIS and the disability community to be presented to the MDC in January.
3. A brief discussion regarding the content of trainings offered to educate persons about the needs of people with disabilities.
4. To envision effective training developed for use in city departments and for use in city funded CBOs.

The next MDC Programmatic Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 7, 2005, Lighthouse for the Blind, 214 Van Ness Avenue from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Richard Ow requested that the Department of Public Works provide more attention to the sidewalk congestion in San Francisco's Chinatown community, beginning with two blocks located between Jackson Street and Broadway Streets. Merchants who place their produce and commodities on the sidewalk impede pedestrian traffic, especially for persons with disabilities.

For the coming year, Council Member Ow would also like to focus on the issue of Laguna Honda Hospital being used as a rest home for seniors with disabilities rather than a facility for younger youths who become patients from alcohol, drugs and motorcycle accidents.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Ruth Nunez requested a follow-up and update on the shelters.

Council Member Eugene Flannery requested the MDC to look into Project Connect (a project instituted by Mayor Newsom to provide instant assistance for the people who are homeless at temporary sites set up in the city) as a possible project for the care and needs of people with disabilities in the community.

Council Member Robert Neil expressed his gratitude to the MDC for allowing him to participate on the council. He plans to expand his participation in the coming year by presenting some resolutions that will benefit Laguna Honda Hospital.

Co-Chair Parsons announced the next MDC Executive Committee Meeting which usually takes place the following Tuesday after the MDC Meeting is being postponed to

Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at City Hall, Room 421 from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

16 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to light holiday refreshments in City Hall, Room 421.

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